Mr Benn makes sweeping attack on EEC link

Britain would lose its status as a completely selfgoverning nation if it remained in the EEC, Mr Wedgwood Benn: Secretary of State for Industry, said yesterday. In a letter to his constituents he made a root-and-branch condemnation of

British membership of the Community. attack was so strong that some MPs considered he might be preparing to resign if the Cabinet accepts the renegoriation terms. But his criticism is likely to anger ministers.

'End of self-governing Britain'

By Geoffrey Smith Political Staff

Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secre-tary of State for Industry, yesterday launched such an uncompromising attack against Britain's continued membership of the EEC that some Labour of the EEU that some Labour MPs were speculating that he might be preparing the ground for his resignation if a majority of the Cabinet recommend acceptance of the renegotiated

"Britain's continuing membership of the Community", he said in a letter to his constituents in Bristol, South-East, as a completely self-governing nation and the end of our demo-cratically elected Parliament as the supreme law-making body in the United Kingdom."

Although he made it clear that he would accept the verdict of the British people, whatever it might be, his criticism of the Community was root and branch. There was no indication that he would favour staying in it all the Government's energitation terms were more than the words are the content of the con renegotiution terms were met.

That was one of the respects 1 har was one of the respects in which the letter, which the Prime Minister did not see beforehand, conflicted with Mr Wilson's own position. In a BBC Radio 4 broadcast yesterday the Prime Minister reaffirmed that if the renegoriated terms mer Labour's demands be would commend them to the country.

Pakistan

earthquake
From Our Correspondent
Rawalpindi, Dec 29
At least 300 people were

to the Chinese province of sinking and it is feared that to an soldiers may be among the total and injured.

Pakistan Army and civil authorities swung quickly into action, providing medical relief to Pattan and flying the injured by helicontext to the course

by helicopter to the nearest hospitals. The whole village population, numbering several thousands, has been left home-

age in the village of Jajal, six miles away from Pattan.

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The year of oil

his power to raise or lower oil prices.—Reuter.

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The Duke of Leinster, who is

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always is", he went on, but there was no suggestion that the conference would be given the right of veto so far as he was

The Prime Minister and other senior ministers will also no doubt be angered by the timing of Mr Benn's statement. coming at such a delicate moment in the process of re-negotiation and before the Cabinet has had the opportunity

to consider the terms

The Cabinet is proposing to raview early in the new year the renegotiation process, the machinery for testing public opinion in due course, and the options available to ministers. It is now widely assumed that there will be a majority recom-mendation from the Cabinet in favour of the terms that are favour of the terms that are finally negotiated, with the minority being given the right to campaign according to their conscience. Mr Foot's friends livist that provided he is given this right he will not resign over the EEC.

But it Cabinet ministers are to take advantage of this right to differ without making it impossible for them to cooperate.

possible for them to cooperate with each other afterwards, they will have to accept a certain restraint in the style and tone of their campaigning. Mr Benn's letter has raised doubts among some of his parliamentary colleagues whether he is prepared to make such a sacrifice.

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Paris summit communitue, which was signed by the Frince which was agned by the fame.

Minister. We must recognize h.

Mr Benn said, "that the European Community has now set itself the objectives of detailed ing a common foreign policy...a form of common nationality expressed through a common passenger a directly expressed. passport, a directly elected assembly and an economic and monetary union which, taken together, would in effect make the United Kingdom into one province of a western European

makes these objectives clear." Mr Benn went on to list five basic democratic rights which, he asserted, had been changed by Community membership. First, he declared that it "sub-jects us all to laws and taxes which your members of Parlia-ment do not enact, such laws and taxes being enacted by authorities you do not directly elect and cannot dismiss through the ballot box".

state. The communique issued after the recent Paris summit

Secondly, he maintained that British membership means that Community laws and taxes cannot be changed or repealed by the British Parliament, but

only by Community authorities not directly elected by the Eritish people.

"Thirdly, the EEC requires the British courts to uphold and enforce Community laws that have not been passed by Parliament and that Parliament. ment, and that Parliament can-not change or amend, even when them to the country.

It is noticeable that one of his not change or amend, even when main criticisms is directed to such laws conflict with laws be listened to, of course, as it wards the terms of the recent passed by Parliament, since

His fourth objection British membership duties and constraints upon British governments not deriv-British governments nor deriving it in the street of the Parliament; and the parliament of the British geople with elect them."

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History point was that British membership "by permanents transferring sovereign legislative and financial fowers to community anticated by the British people, also primanently insulates those authorities from direct control by the British electors, who cannot dismiss electors, who cannot dismiss

electors, who cannot dismiss fore need carry no weight with them and whose grievances they cannot be compelled

Mr Benn said he was not achieving himself to the gen-eral political or economic argu-

box should be in any doubt as to the effect British membership has had, and will increasingly continue to have, in removing once enjoyed to govern them

ments for or against entry, nor in a Melbourne suburb. commenting on the view that the advantages of membership from custody at 2 am pending might outweigh the loss of consideration of his request for democratic rights that I have been assorted at the last or report to the lambers described. But he left no doubt where the balance lay in his judgment. "No one who votes in the ballot

Labour reaction, page 2

300 killed in | Mr Wilson rules out pay freeze next year By Our Political Staff

A wage freeze in the coming year was categorically ruled out by the Prime Minister yesterday. Questioned in the BBC radio programme, The World This Weekend, he declared that unemployment rather than in flation would be the main enemy and 1975 would be a very very difficult year".

Rawalpindi, Dec 29

At least 300 people were killed in an earthquake which struck the high Karakoram range last night on Pakistan's frontier with China, it was officially reported here. Tonight bodies were still being dug out of the ruins of buildings and it was feared that the death toll might rise beyond 1,000.

According to an injured even He explained his rejuctance to have a wage freeze: "We had one once and it worked very well. You can do it once but you cannot do it for long might rise beyond 1,000.

According to an injured eyewinness, airlifted to hospital in
Rawalpindi, the Pakistan village of Pattan, a settlement of
500 houses and huts, 200 miles
north-east of here, was entirely
destroyed by violent tremors
which began just before sundown and continued into the
uight.

Huge boulders came bounc-Politicians of all parties will ing down the mountainsides, crushing several people in their agree with him about the difficulty of operating any sort of Engineers of the Pakistan incomes policy, but some, even among his colleagues, will feel Army have recently completed work on the Karakoram high-way, which passes through Pattan on the mountainous route

parties, and even some minis-ters believe that it will be impossible to get through the economic troubles of the coming vear without resort to some kind of pay freeze, possibly index-linked For once Mr Wilson has declined to keep his

bad been in office for about a week, he acknowledged that Eritain was in for a very diffi-

cause of the grievances, be cause of the complications, in equities and interference you cannot really do it two or three times in a democratic country. We are still paying the price for the last one."

"But those who try to write Britain off are very wide of the written us off so often before and they have been wrong. They do not know the mettle of the British people."

The Prime Minister said many people had a vested interest in maintaining that the social contract did not work. There had been large settlements, but that he has given a hostage to a very considerable proportion of wage increases had been pronouncement.

Most commentators outside government, many MPs of all social contract be honoured."

Butter deal angers W Germans

up to 60 per cent cheaper than at home at the expense of the German taxpayer, the Hamburg news magazine Der Spiegel said

options open.

The magazine claimed to have obtained information that is call of newspapers which, he secret butter deal had been alleged, did not discover the signed in London earlier this

It provided for supplies of 20,000 metric tons of subsidized butter from Schleswig-Holstein, West Germany's northernmost state to the British market for the next four years, Der Spiegel said. The contract had been signed in the presence of a German Embassy attaché it

According to Der Spiegel, subsidies paid by the Bonn Government and the REC total 4.48 marks (78p) per kilo (2.21b) of butter sold in Britain, ar least one mark (17p) more than the British selling price.

A big campaign would be launcaed in Britain next month

in promote German butter sales. the magazine said.-Reuter.



Freed Mr Stonehouse IRA prisoners free stays in hiding

From Our Correspondent Melbourne, Dec 29

The whereabouts of Air John tonight after his early-morning release from a detention centre in a Melbourne suburb.

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tion Department in Melbourne once a week.

Tonight Mr. J. A. Patterson. Mr. Stonehouse's lawyer in Melbourne, said that for the present his client wished to keep his whereabours secret. He was in Victoria but not in Melbourne.

Mrs. Berbara Stonehouse, who Hew from Britain to join her husband last Thursday night, had not been with him since his release. Mr. Patterson said.

Asked if it could be inferred from this that their marriage was in danger, Mr Patterson replied: "Not at all. On the contrary, I thought from what I saw of them together in Melbourne that they were most affectionate towards one specifies."

The fact is, the man has been under a great strain and it has affected him mentally. He is in need of time to rest and compose himself. He decided to leave for his secret destination without telling his wife on my adviso. The fewer

matter like this, the better."

Mr Stonehouse had expected to be released from the Commonwealth Derention Centre in the suburb of Maribyrnong last Friday, and his wife had arrived at the centre prepared for a celebration. She brought a bottle of wine and roastichicken for a picnic on the centre's lawn, but gusty winds forced the couple to abandon that idea. Instead they dined in Mr Stonehouse's living

aparters a room with two iron bedsteads, a dining annexe and a shower. Mrs Stouchouse visited her husband again on Saturday and left carrying a large bunch of flowers he had

given her. The Melbourne evening newspaper, The Herald, quoted Mrs Stonehouse as saving: "We

have talked and talked about his business affairs and what we could do to allow his directors could do to allow his directors to continue. And there have been family legal problems to iron out. But I have not had a satisfactory explanation about his reasons for taking his death.

"Nothing I have learnt justified that kind of action. He is still terribly confused. I think he needs to see a psychiatrist as soon as possible. In some strange way he thinks his action was not particularly extra-

was not particularly extra-was not particularly extra-ordinary and would help his business partners to continue unfettered, but of course this is nonsense. I keep on taking him buck over the last few months trying to pin down the root causes of his trouble, but I am not much further for-

Meanwhile Melbourne police are continuing their inquiries into Mr Stonehouse's activities in the city during his three-week stay under two false names. They are also investigating the arrangements he had at Melbourne unusual passes. at Melbourne general post office for receiving tetters, and are trying to discover his contacts in Britain, where they believe the letters were posted. Staff Reporters write: next moves to untangle the imbroglio of the affairs of Mr

Stonehouse will be made London today. There were discussions Sectiond Yard reas Section Yard rday be the discontinues as a factor file investigation as a factor tant Commission with we crosshead of Scotlar ffice dis fraud squad and the din G who was in charge of the charge of inquiries in Britain into the disappearance of Mr. Stonebouse from Miami and his presented from Miami and his reappearance in Australia.

The investigation will have many aspects, involving not the Department of Trade and Industry, the security services, the British and Australian gov eroments, and the police forces. of Britain, Australia, the United States, and Denmark.

Meanwhile, pressure for Mr Stonehouse's resignation from Parliament mounted in the Labour, Party yesterday. Continued on page 3; cot 6 !

15 jail hostages

Fifteen prison officers held hostage by more than 100 Pro-visional IRA men in Portlaoise Prison in the Republic of Ire-land were released last night after five hours of negotiations between Mr Patrick Kelly, the governor, and the two most senior IRA officers held there. Mr Kelly listened while Mr Leo Martin, a Provisional staff

officer, and a colleague listed 11 demands about prison conditions, food and the parole system, before an agreement was reached that the 15 officers should be released from barri-caded cells in which they had been locked.

Irish soldiers and police had

been preparing to storm the prison's E block after the Provisionals attacked and took the men hostage. Well over 600 troops in riot gear together with 200 mmehers of the Garda Sic-chang surrounded the prison shortly before 6 pm, three hours after the IRA men surprised the warders during a riot.

The police in Portlaoise said last night that there was no violence during the release of the hostages, and that prison authorities now occupied every part of the jail. During the afternoon the Provisional IRA men had thrown stones, bottles

and paint poss at officers.
Porthagine, 60 miles southwest at Dublin, is the largest and estensibly the mist active prison in Ireland, last August 19 prisoners blasted their way. oth of it with gehenate. Inniediately afterwards the Dablin Government began an official inquiry into security at the prison, Some of the officials involved in that investigation last night joined police outside. The Irish soliders brought to the town in lorries carried riot

shields, batons, canisters of CS gas and gas masks, evidently prepared for a siege and for an nvasion of the block in which the hostages were. During the negotiations with the governor, one o fthe IRA men tossed a white sheet from

a cell window. Scrawled across it were the words: "Fight Oppression".

No information was available

from the Dublin Government or whether concessions were made to the prisoners.

Talks to be held in Ulster today between Roman Catholic

The clergymen refused to discuss the contents of their proposals, but they will be seeking some form of political concession from Westminster to preserve the truce.

Provisional IRA commanders met in Belfast last night to discuss the possible outcome of today's talks, after a telephone call from one of the churchmen in a Sinn Fein leader in the

Government officials at Ster-mont were also in conclave in an apparent attempt to find a suitable formula.

that even an unwanteen private assurance from the British that assurance from the brigish may come internees would be released at a given date might be sufficient to persuade the Provisionals to continue the conselire for at least another

oscensibly the IRA terms for a continuation of the truce include a declaration of intention Britain to have dister, the withdrawal of troops to barracks and the release of all men held without trial.

Neverthalese the Provisionals

Nevertheless, the Provisionals know that the British could not possibly meet those demands and would accept the release of perhaps 50 to 100 internees in

the new year as an carnest of British fateutions. The authorities at Stormont give some assurance to the IRA

through the church intermediaties lest they appear to be wilfully setting aside the possibility of a more lasting peace. The churches' official spokes man said last night that "certain specific suggestions" would be put to the Government at Stormont Castle today.

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Emergency is declared in Bangladesh

less in the freezing mountain cold. Attempts to bring in relief workers by road were hampered by landslides which blocked the Karakoram high-A state of emergency has been declared in Bangladesh and all constitutional rights. such as free speech and habeas corpus, have been suspended. The Government of Shaikh Mujibur Rahman has issued a statement claiming that it is threatened by internal disturbance, referring to "extremite and enternal country agents." The It is feared that some villages around the upper Indus valley have also suffered extensive damage but it will be some time ists and enemy agents". The new powers of arrest and consorship place a formal before the full extent of the destruction is known. Officials scal on Baugladesh's experiment in democ-racy. Michael Hornsby writes from Delhi said that an air survey late this afternoon indicated heavy dan-

Mr Callaghan leaves for Africa today

Mr Callaghan is flying from London today on the first leg of his African tour. The dominant question before the Foreign Secretary will be the possible settlement of the Rhodesia problem, on which he will seek the views of African leaders—possibly including Mr Ian Smith of Rhodesia and Mr Vorster of South Africa Page 3

Rating proposal

The Association of Metropolitan Authorities says that the rating system is outworn and unaccentable. In evidence today to the Layfield committee inquiring into the cost of local government, the association says that the whole adult population should contribute, and hints that there should be direct local taxes Page 3

New York, Dec 29, King Faisal of Saudi Arabia has been chosen "Man of the year for 1974" by Time magazine, which cited the monarch's role in quadrupling the price of oil and his newer to raise or lower oil. School-leaving call

Legislation to introduce a common date for school leavers on the last day before the spring holiday cannot be introduced into the next session of Parliament. Mr Prentice. Secretary of State for Education and Science, said yesterday after the Assistant Masters' Association conference had passed a resolution calling for such a

Warehouse blaze

a major internal operation at the Keut and Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, at the weekend, the hospital said yester-Firemen fought a warehouse blaze at King George V Dock, London, for more than eight hours yesterday before bringing it under control. Two firemen were taken to hospital and others complained of fumes from burning rayon and acrylic fibre Report and photograph, page 3 No further details were Tour die in crash Four people died and three lere injured yesterday in a vo-car collision at Broadway.



Derek Attridge, of Towcester, Northants, his wife Eileen and their children arriving at Heathrow yesterday after being rescued from the Darwin cyclone. In Darwin, police and firemen combing the ruins for bodies yesterday found a woman, aged 73. trapped under a beam and alive. She told them: "I knew you would come for me. Can I have a drink of water, please?" Doctors found her in good shape considering her ordeal Report and photograph, page 4

Reforming hooligans

The Magistrates' Association has told the Home Office in a memorandom that even a week or two in custody might correct some young offenders

Agricultural wages: Farm workers' leaders plan protest to Mr Wilson over last week's pay award and threaten to disrupt food supplies

Naval scrap: Techniques developed by North Sea oil engineers may be used to salvage the scuttled German fleet in Scapa

Sandringham grant: A member of the local council says the Queen is cutitled to make fullest use of system

Air crash: The United States Federal Aviation Administration is blamed for insufficient safety tests in a report on the Paris DC10 crash Vietnam: City comes under artillery and rocket attacks in growing offensive by

Nicosia: Differences over international guarantees required hold up resumption of peace talks in Cyprus

US economy: President Ford is aiming at fundamental changes in the way the economy is managed " to avoid a deepening recession 11

Investigation into CIA proposed

Investigation of the Central Intelligence Agency by an independent commission—on the lines of the Warren Commission which inquired into President Kennedy's assassination—is being considered by President Ford. With this report yesterday came an allegation that among Americans under CIA investigation in the past has been Justice William Douglas of the Supreme Court Page 3

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Cuba agrees to take guerrillas

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec 29.

—Cuba has agreed to accept the left-wing guerrillas who killed a former. Nicaraguan Cabinet minister when they busse into his home on Friday uight and are still holding 12 hostages, it was officially announced today. Cuban officials also guaranteed the safety of anyone accompanying the guerrillas and teed the safety of anyone accompanying the guerrillas and the immediate return of any air-

craft flying them to Cuba, according to a commentation from the office of President Somoza of Nicara sua. Earlier today the Government announced that the members of the Sandinista Liberation Front five men and three women— had postponed their deadline

for compliance with their demands for 48 hours. ternands for 48 hours.
They also freed all women, servants, musicians and waiters, held in the home of Señor José María Castillo, the former minister who was killed.
The guerrillas had said they would begin shooting the

would begin shooting the hostages, who include the Nicaraguan Foreign Minister, one by one after 6 pm today if the Government did not release 18 political prisoners, sive the guerrillas 5 m (52 2m) give the guerrillas S5m (£2.2m) in banknotes, and transport thom the freed prisoners and their hostages to an unspecified destination.

destination.

Managua airport has been closed to all traffic since this morning and a four-engine plane is reported to be standing by ready for take-off.

The guerrillas burst into the Castillo home just after midnight while a party was in progress for the American Ambassador, Mr Turner Shelton, The United States Embassy said Mr

"Shelton had left
Those held included Schor
Alejandro Montiel Arguello, the
Nicaraguan Foreign Minister,
the country's ambassadors to
the United States and the
United Nation and the United Nations, and the mayor of Managua. Senor Castillo's American south-law was also captured.—Azence Presse and AP. France

and Protestant church leaders and Mr Rees, Secretary of State-for Northern Ireland, and other Eritish government officials at Stormont Castle are aimed at preventing the Provisional IRA's Christmas ceasefire from expiring at midnight on Thurs-

IRA sources here suggest

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Masters call for spring leaving date in schools, but minister rules out early action

carried out last year.

Education Correspondent lt was too late to fit legisla-tion for any change in the school-leaving date into the next parliamentary session, Mr Prentice, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said

The Assistam Masters Association at its annual council meeting in London yesterday had called on the minister to set a common leaving date on the last school day before the spring Bank holiday.

The department is considering this proposal favourably. It would allow some pupils aged 16 to leave after they have taken their examinations instead of staying to the end of the summer term.

The department has found much support for the change among local education authoriles and teacher unions. At pres-cut pupils who become 16 after February 1 must stay at school uptil July.

Mr Prentice told me that he was still keeping an open mind. The results of the discussion have not yet been analysed and he has still to read a study by school inspectors on the effects of the first year of raising the

"We should need legislation to make any emendment to school leaving dates at all," he said they could not possibly go back on raising the school-leaving dates at all," he said. "It is now pretty clear that

current session of Parliament. It follows from this that there would not be any change to affect 1975." Mr Prentice remains opposed to any major changes in the reform which was

The conference rejected a motion from the Gloucestershire branch that the leaving age should be reduced to 15 until the economic climate eased. In proposing it, Mr Donald Pick-sley, of Cheltenham, said teachers had been forced to fall back on "chalk and talk" lussons for pupils over 16 who wanted to leave and who were the least able to learn from that

ivpe of lesson. An earlier motion from Avon branch regretting that the raising of the leaving age to 16 was introduced without the support of most teachers and without any real understanding of the educational implications was not put to the vote.

Mr David Harris, Bristol, said most teachers with whom he had spoken believed that the age was raised to keep down the unempleyment figures and to retain children in school rather than at job centres. They did not give us the equipment to carry out the job", he added.

Mr Robert Leahy, Liverpool,
said they could not possibly go
back on raising the school-

employment much worse to

Mr Bruce Heather, Durham said a common leaving date before the spring Bank holiday would encourage pupils who would have left at Easter to stay on and take some CSE examinations. It would also prevent those who had taken CSE from staying on aimlessly until the end of term. "Elacklist" questions: Mr

Prentice is to be questioned in the Commons after the Christmas recess about a confidential blacklist" of teachers said to be circulating among sducation authorities (the Press Associa-tion reports). "It is called List 99, and that adds to the sinister overtones", Mr Phillip White-head, Labour MP for Derby,

orth, said vesterday. Mr Whitehead has tabled questions asking for details of the list which, he says, is compiled by the department and applies to all teachers below the level of university teachers. He said: "I agree there ought be some sort of blacklist civing the names of people who have criminal recents. But apparently there are people on this list who have committed moral and 'political' offences, whatever they may be. I shall want to know what the ministry's criterion is for these

so-called offences when they

compile or update the list." Blaze kills boy

shire. His parents and neighbours made several attempts to get into the bedroom, but were beaten back by flames. The boy, Keith Jowett, was finally brought out by firemen who put a ladder up to the window. The louse was gutted.

The blaze is thought to have started in the living room. The rest of the family, Mr Alan Jowett, aged 34, his wife, Sheila, aged 27, and son Andrew, aged seven, escaped in their night clothes.

iged 75, a widow, died in a fire in her bungalow at Mordiford derefordshire, yesterday (the Press Association reports).

Doorstep bomb injures man

jured w. — parcel bamb exploded as a mome on Saturday might. Sectors ce said that ne metive

ploded when he started to open it. He was taken to hospital with injuries to the face, abdo-men and hadds.

Trawler ban threat

Norwegian police sey Nerway may have to ban Braich trawlers from their ports at Christmus in future because of incidents caused by fishermen who have been drinking. Pour Grimsby fishermen who spent this Christmas in a Norwegian prison were fined £50 after an alleged drunken spree in port.

Englishman shares chess lead at **Hastings**

From Harry Golombek Chess Correspondent

from round one.

The lead at the end of round two in the premier chess four-nament at Hastings yesterday was shared between (England) and Benney, (USSR) with 11 points each, but they should be joined by Andersson, when he finishes has adjourned game against Steam

Basuan played imaginative chees in defeating the Yugoslav Grandmaster, Planinc, in 30 moves. Another good home vic-tery was Botterill's win against the strong Czechoslovak Grand-

Beljavsky, who with Tal, the sormer world champion, is the Soviet cochampion, won securely against Mestel and already looks a libely first prizewinger.

Results, round one:

Botterill Hort



Botterill in play against Hort yesterday.

Farm workers' warning of industrial action leading to food shortage

planning a deputation to the Prime Minister to protest at the low level of agricultural wages, and to give warning of possible industrial action by farm workers which could lead to

food shortages. The workers are angry at the new minimum wages set by the Agricultural Wages Board last week, which they say are totally inadequate. The board's award will raise the national weekly minimum for a labourer by £2.30 to £28.50, plus a further £2 next July.

Miss Joan Maynard, Labour and Yorkshire secretary of the National Union of Agricultural and Allied Workers, said yester-day that milk and vegetable

improve the wages board award.

"The union is consulting all its districts throughout the country on the question of industrial action. There is a greater feeling among the mem-bership at the moment for some

form of action than there has ever been", Miss Maynard said. There were plans to involve all unions with members in food production, distribution and retailing in action to improve farm wages. If this happened fresh produce would soon disappear from the shops, Miss

Maynard said. The union, which represents about a third of the 300,000 agricultural labour force, is seeking a basic weekly rate of £35 for labourers.

Coal 'the best prospect'

By Our Labour Staff British energy needs in the next century will have to be met mainly by coal, not by off-shore oil and gas, according to Mr Joseph Gormley, president of the National Union of Mine-

Writing in the National Coal Board publication, Coal and Energy Quarterly, Mr Gormley calls for an urgent revitalization of the industry to reverse the trend of the past twenty years. He says the industry should be made the finest in Europe, providing security for workers, the best possible wage, and a secure supply of energy. He

Even if the economy grows at only

much-needed research into foe utilization and conservation is successful, the future is bleak as most of Britain's energy reserved.
Looking 20 years ahead we can
see that at currently anticipates production rates the natural gas from the southern section of the North Sea will be exhausted. Also, the production of oil and gas from the north section will have passed its peak, even with the development of new finds.

Huge investments in offshore oil would be needed to yield the equivalent of the hoped-for 150 million tons of coal annually by 1985, Mr Gormley says. And by the year 2000 the end of oil reserves could be in sight. whereas coal reserves last for another century.

North Sea oil technology interests scrap merchant

Mr David Nicol, metal merchant and owner of the German Grand Fleet, is watching with icen interest the technical revolution engineers are making in the North Sea. The new devices used by the oilmen to fift weights of up to 2,000 tons at we could be used to lift his sunken theet of three battleship end four light cruisers from the bed of Scapa Flow. On the surface they would be worth between £10m and £12m.

There is 125,000 tons of erep metal down there, and 20 per cent of it is non-ferrous. Ship, were built like that in those days but the problem has always been getting it 150ft to the sarface", he says.

In his screnyerd at Dysart, in Fite, are the dull honer of one of the mass nowerful fleets in the world. The armour plate is taluable bezeuse it was mannfactured in the days before the atmosphere was polluted by nuclear emplosions. The metal is in demand to make screens. for radiation equipment because it is uncontaminated.

For the rest, the vessels were built before the First World War, when copper was less than £20 a ton. It now tetches £550. team of dirers operate from the island of Hoy. They go dewn into the clear the upturned bulls of the German ships 76ht from the surface. The battlerhips lie like steel The barrier ups lie like steel whales, 980% long and 200ft wide. The divers attach explosives to the metal and blast pieces off. It is tough stuff, built to withstand bangs, and built to withstand pangs, when a section comes away it "It will be a nig, capual falls another 80ft to the seabed, tensive operation to get the falls another 80ft to the seabed, tensive operation to get the falls another 80ft to the seabed, tensive operation to get the falls and the sease Rut the oil limited time to attach floration bogs to bring the metal to the surface. The process is long and

Mr Nicol believes that the comes first and best way would be to use the a distant second.

Regional report

Ronald Faux Edinburgh

ne of proverful crane the oil industry has developed. New ideas and new capabilities are crearging all the time. Something will work out one day."

The yard outside his office is littered with thick slabs of armoured plate and 17-ton torpedo tubes, a slice from which reveals the aleam of solid broaze. The sucken fleet represents one of the biggest, most valendle and least accessible collections of scrap in the world. Inquiries have come from many sources, and ironically the greatest weight of armoured plate has gone to a customer in

Germany. The company a'so secured the right to salvage the remains of the Vanguard, the 19,700-ton British battleship that myster-Free Varguard, the 19,700-ton motive 3, which aged 29, tously blew up at anchor in November, 1917, with the loss of 800 men. The explosion was parcel on his morroup. It exniain guns were flung on to the island of Fiotto a mile away. The remains are barely recognizable as a ship but the metal is as valuable as ever to Mr Nicol, who is not sent who is not sentimental about ships.

quickly", he says. But the oil industry contractors have booked or bought every suitable vessel. In the North Sea oil comes first and old warships

trapped in bedroom

A boy aged five died after being trapped in his blazing bedroom resterday in Lindley Street, Newthorpe, Nortingham-

Widow dies: Mrs May Marsh

A Bir ham man was in jured w. — parcei bemb ex-

Communists blame owners in press inquiry evidence

it submitting to the Royal Com-mission on the Press. It attribu-tes the troubles of the British press to concentration of owner-ship in the hands of a small but extremely powerful group of men. Accordingly it argues that the royal commission is unneces-

The evidence dismisses the claim by some proprietors that they do not interfere in editorial matters. "They appoint the editors in the first place, and take good care to choose editors who are in general agreement with their own views of

The Communist Party asserts that real freedom of the press is impossible until capitalism is broken and a socialist society es-

Meanwhile it prescribes legis-lation to prohibit further mer-gers or concentration of comiol

The Communist Party yester-day published evidence that it forbidden to have holdings in television companies. Existing be broken up, no firm being allowed to own more than one actional daily or Sunday news-

A newsprint subsidy, financed within the newspaper industry, should be introduced to help sory, and that the Government should be introduced to make could take immediate corrective newspapers and periodicals that are in financial difficulties. Discovernment adcrimination in government advertising against left-wing newspapers should be ended. Advertising should be spread more equitably; government-financed printing plants should be placed at the disposal of trade unions and other democratic organizations; and the newsprint industry should be nationalized.

Other prescriptions include the introduction of a right for the workers who produce newspapers "to oppose the unbalanced, distorted, and one-sided presentation of news and comment".

The Queen 'entitled to make fullest use of grants' is deliberately encouraging

From Our Correspondent King's Lynn

The £1,000 grant to the Queen from public funds to convert two cortages into one on her Sandringham estate was defended yesterday by Councillor Frank Cork, chairman of West Norfolk District Council hous-

ing committee. Earlier the Rev David Mason, Labour candidate for Norfolk at the last election, called for stricter rules relating to rich people receiving public funds for property improve-

Mr Cork, whose council made the grant, said: "I welcome the Queen applying for an im-provement grant. For every cottage done up on the Sandringham estate or anywhere else it means providing one unit extra of housing accommodation which will save the council having to provide it in the future.
"The Queen is taking advantage of what the Government

that is the improving of old property to provide more and more housing units. Some 350 cottages are owned by the royal estate and like everyone else it is entitled to make the fullest use of grants to assist the housing programme in West Norfolk." The Queen's grant, which was

made by the officers of the council under delegated powers, may be discussed by the hous-ing committee tonight. It was awarded for making two dilapidated cottages at Appleton, near Sandringham, "into one decent dwelling for a farm-

It is the first grant the council has made to the Queen since local government reorganization. But its pre-decessor, Freebridge Lynn Rural District Council, gave her £1,000 to turn two Victorian cottages into one a year ago. An estate worker now occupies

Flu wave unlikely to be severe.

expert says By Diana Geddes.

Although influenza is expected to increase this winter, medical experts say it is unlikely to be severe. Britain escapes an influenza

epidemic only one year in seven, Dr Geoffrey Schild, director of the World Influenza Centre, London, said yesterday. But it usually affected no more than 3 to 5 per cent of the popula tion.

Injections containing a vac-cine against the Hongkong strain would be effective this year. He advised all those in high risk groups or those who were responsible for essential public services to be vaccinated The Department of Health and Social Security reported 19 deaths from influenza in the week ended December 19, but said that was about the level expected for the time of year. The virus has reached epidemic proportions in Europe In Budapest it is estimated to have stricken 30,000.

Attempts to **IRA** truce

Continued from page 1

Mr Seamus Loughran, a senior Sinn Fein representative in Belfast and a former internee, who took part in secret talks more than a fortnight ago be-tween IRA leaders and Protestant clergymen, said yesterday that time was running out for the British Government. A substantial release of inmates from the Maze prison at Long Kesh might be accepted by the IRA, he said, but another Provisional source hinted that the British need not go as far as that.

A soldier who was severely rounded in a border shooting two weeks ago died in hospital yesterday. Rifleman Michael Gibson, aged 20, of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets, came from Deptford, London. Church pleas: Church congregations in Southampton heard pleas yesterday to help police in their hunt for six IRA members (our Southampton Correspondent reports).

The request for special sermons to be preached—in churches of all denominations -came from the Roman Catho-lic Bishop of Portsmouth, the Right Rev Derek Worlock.

While the servous were being read, more than a hundred detectives continued to search the city for the six. Two of them shot their way to freedom on Christmas Eve, seriously injuring a police correctle. on Christmas Eve, seriously injuring a police constable. After the discovery of an IRA

cell in Southampton more than 20 people had been detained for questioning under the new anti-terror laws.

Man saves wife from car fire

An injured man plucked his wife from their blazing car yesterday after a collision with another car near Sunderland airport. The driver of the second car was killed. Mr George Pickings, aged 31, of Sea Road, Sunderland, made the rescue despite a hair-line

fracture of the skull. He and his wife, aged 22, were taken to hospital. She had a fractured arm and broken legs.

Mr Benn'seems to be straying from our policy

Dr Dickson Mabon, Labour MP for Greenock and Port Glas gow and chairman of the new moderate Manifesto group of the Labour Party, complained last night that Mr Wedgwood Benn, in criticizing Ernzin's EEC link, seemed to be straying from the Government's policy of trying to renegotiate the terms of membership. "I am surprised that Mr

Benn, who fought the election this year on two occasion on the same manifesto as other Labour candidates, is, particularly being a Cabinet minister, not prepared to abide by those terms, he said. "It is very important that men in his position behave re-Dr Mabon said his group had

members with different view-points on the EEC, but all were united in standing by the party's policy on renegotiation.
Another Labour MP, Mr Eric Aoonman (Basildon), said Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secre-tary, and Mr Wilson were working closely together on the renegotiated terms and in a few

months those terms would be available to the British people.

"It is a great pity that a distinguished member of the Cabinet like Mr Benn is not prepared to await the renego-tation which I believe is being very carefully and shrewdly handled.", he said. Any attempt to prejudge the outcome of renegotiation would make it more difficult for those doing more difficult for those doing

Hurdles on way, page 8

Boy swept away while fishing

A boy aged 14 was presumed drowned yesterday after he was swept from rocks on the Gower Peninsula, West Glamorgan, during the night. Richard Hayman, of Withy

Park, Rishopston, Gower, was fishing with three friends from a ledge at the foot of Worm's Head when a wave swept him away. His companions tried to reach him but he was quickly lost in the darkness and rough

Drink 'aids darts aim Mr Alan Evans, aged 25, the Britain who had come to London

Welsh winner of the £750 first prize in the Watneys British Open Darts Championship in Lendon yesterday credited his success to seven pints of lager which be drank before the final contest (a Staff Reporter

Mr Evans is married with two children and comes from Ferndale, where he is about to open a sports shop. He defeated 500 local finalists from all over

for the two-day national finals. But beer was not the secret behind the success of Mr Ronald Church, aged 35, a glass factory worker from Southwark, Lon-don, who shared the £750 first prize in the Inter-City Track Arrows two-man team darts championship with Mr Robert Cowap, aged 36, an interior decorator from Fulham. Mr Church said he had been suffering from Christmas excess, so had drunk only one pint.

JPs want short jail terms for hooligans

Defence of the rights of the courts to punish without inter-

vention from Government, and an argument for keeping young adult offenders in custody even if only for a short while, are contained in a memorandum sent to the Home Office by the Magistrates' Association. The Home Office had sought

the association's views on a repo. by the Advisory Council on the Penal System setting out proposals for changes in the law on treatment of young adult offenders.

The association welcomes the proposed drawing together of the custodial and supervisory services and notes that the aim is to provide for more flexibility in treating offenders. It says the courts have always needed flexibility in sentencing powers and that any diminution of it has proved undesirable. Weight

value of sentencing as well as to treatment and training, the association says, adding:
The paramount need is to ensure
the right of the ordinary man,
woman and child to live their lives

unwolested by offenders, with con-fidence in law enforcement as a fidence in law enforcement as a whole. . . A straight penalty is sometimes appropriate without prolonged treatment or training.

It may be equally successful in eliciting that consideration for Pointing to powers the execu-

tive has to reduce sentences, the association says: the association says:
While these alterations to court sentences suit the executive, they can seriously erode the credibility of the courts, whose words are made to mean less and less what they say. . . Sentencing is a judicial function which should be exercised in court in public and be subject to judicial appeal procedures.

the association finds

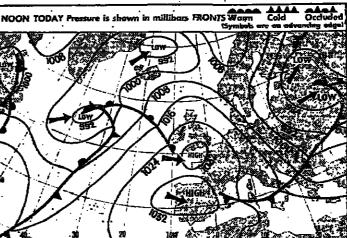
posed new "custody and control " order giving power to the executive to release an offender at any time, even before the expiry of the order. Among several reasons the association says: "Inevitably the offender's interests will predominate rather than those of

Against the supposition that a time in custody is no good if it is short, the association says that even a week or two in custody might correct some young offenders, such as football hooli gans. So short a sentence might not cost a youth his job.

the community or the victims."

Rather than the proposed new control order, the association would prefer a "control and suspended custody" order, by which the non-custodial reme dial treatment might be done. with confinement in reserve for

Weather forecast and recordings



Today

Son rises : 4.0 pm Moon sels: Moon rises: 8.44 am 6.10 pm Last quarter: January 4. Lighting up: 4.30 pm to 7.37 am.

High water: London Bridge, 2.12 am, 7.2m (23.7ft); 2.35 pm, 7.5m (24.5ft). Avonmouth, 7.54 am, 13.7m (45.0ft); 8.22 pm, 13.7m (45.1ft). Dover, 11.30 am, 6.7m (22.1ft); 11.56 pm, 6.9m (22.7ft). Hull, 6.47 am, 7.2m (23.7ft); 6.56 pm, 7.5m (24.7ft). Liverpool, 11.50 am, 9.1m (30.0ft).

A ridge of high pressure will move E across the British Isles and a trough of low pressure will approach W districts. WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair;

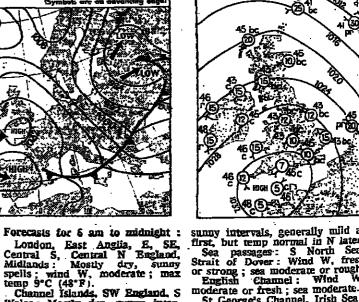
(50°F).

N Wales, NW England, Lake
District, Isle of Man Mostly dry,
sunny intervals, cloudy later, rain; sunny intervals, cloudy later; rain; wind W. backing SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 9°C (48°F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, E Scotland, Aberdeen, Moray Firth: Mostly dry, sunny spells, rain later: wind W, backing SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 8°C (46°R).

Wales: Mostly dry, sunny intervals, becoming cloudy, some drizzle; wind backing SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 10°C

Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday: Changeable, rain at times.



NOON TODAY

Strait of Dover: Wind W, fresh
or strong; sea moderate or rough.
English Channel: Wind W. moderate or fresh; sea moderate.
St George's Channel, Irish Sea:
Wind W. backing to SW, fresh or
strong; sea moderate to rough.

Saturday

London: Temp: max, 6 am to 6 pm, 15°C (59°F); min, 6 pm to 6 am, 9°C (48°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 80 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm, 3.2 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,(119.0 millibars, rising.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 6 am to 6 pm, 13°C (55°F); min, 6 pm to 6 am, 12°C (54°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 64 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.03in. Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm, 23 hr. Bar, mean scalevel, 6 pm, 1,028.8 millibrary, 1500.

For yachtsmen, 1975 begins today. highlighting the exciting and significant trends The new season is only just over the horizon, and that add up to the 1975 season. In the same issue, Yachting World's Boat Show Number tells you Eric Hiscock relives the big moments of his exactly voltat's coming up. Here, in a brilliantly recent New Hebrides-New Zealand cruise, and illustrated preview, are the major exhibits that there's an intriguing new-type design competition. will be on show at Earls Court from I January, Yachting World

Out now 40P

WEST EUROPE AND OVERSEAS.



ng breathing apparatus, and 30 was completely out.

nock fire: Two firemen were engines were called to the fire aken to hospital yesterday after early yesterday (a staff reporter the effects of fumes from burnighting a fire in a warehouse writes). It took more than ing fibre. Several others were ontaining a thousand tons of eight bours to get the fire under advised to see their doctors syon and acrylic fibre at King control and the warehouse was after complaining of skin corne V Duck, London (photo- extensively damaged. A senior irritation, chest pains and raph above). About a hundred fire officer said it would take nausea. The senior officer said nd fifty firemen, many wear- several days to ensure the fire acrylic fibre gave off hydrogen

One of the firemen suffered

Whole population should take part in ocal financing, authorities say

ncal Covernment orrespondent

The rating system is out-yoru and no longer accep-ble to the public" and outli be replaced by a system e Association of Metropol-in Authorities says of local vernment financing today.

in evidence to the Layfield minuitee of inquiry into local vernment finance, the associ-ion says that "any new sys-m of finance should provide the whole population from e age of 18 and all industrial d commercial resources to ntribute to the cost of ser-us provided by local govern-

This might be done by alloing to local authorities a inite proportion of the bal total of national taxthus providing them a buoyant source of in-

he association, which repreeves that extra help should provided for areas of prohigh need and burden sugh block grants from the

in Ithough hinting at some n of local tax, possibly in-e tax, as an alternative ce of revenue to rates, the ciation does not give ils. Its evidence to the dry, issued today, outlines

general position, and looks be causes for local governpercunial financial arly next year it will pree a second memorandum of deuce, taking into account

recent rate support grant otistions between local outies and the Govern-it That will include the positive and suggestions for the facing of local government. befording local government inst the accusation of overnding, the association says re have been steady inlocal government ices, staff and expenditure, emming from social needs

rary to expectations early this. West Country apple orchards yielding a bumper crop. Fur first time for several years once biggest cider producers in country thinks it will secure cient home supplies without wing any from Normandy.

factor in the improved situa-has been the establishment of

orchard; of bush trees instead the traditional tall standards, idea has been preached by Mr. Williams, the pomologist, of Asiston Research Smiton,

for the past two decades. be planting of bush trees is the days forming system of the Tapple industry. They are set 40 to the acre, instead of the 41 acre as with traditional

acre as with traditional

life can be expected of stan-trees until they are eight or years old, whereas the bush

Pears old, whereas the bush should produce a crop of tous an acre in their fourth rising to about ten tons an in the eighth or ninth year. Preatter the orchard should liain that average until the lare at least twenty years old. Incord yield for a bush planting is so tons an acre. For full-managers, ten tons an acre.

In 15 25 tons an acre. For fillin standards, ten tons an acre
200d yield, though heavier
5 have been known.
Ier companies cooperate fully
5 rowers in establishing the
0 orchards. They make a site
by, supply and plant the trees,
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from rabbils and carry out
tial pruning and spraying for
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recent estimate gave the cost

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pressures, a lack of balance in central and local government, a relatively heavy and growing burden on local government by reason of its need to borrow at high rates of interest from its capital investments and a relatively heavy burden on the main urban areas ".

"These factors, plus the long-outdated rating system and a rate support grant which starts from the premise that resources of local authorities can be measured by average ratable values, have at a time of inflation resulted in an annual financial crisis for local government"

The association argues that there was a serious failure to deal with the long-term issues of local government finance in the reorganization of local goverument last April.

"The process of adding new responsibilities both large and small and extending old ones without first establishing a for finance leaves central government in no strong position to express surprise that the expenditure of local govern-ment is rising faster than that for the rest of the public sec-

It says that to carry out their programmes, local authorities have had to borrow very large sums " to pay for capital expenditure in a period which interest costs have risen to unprecedented levels. "The outstanding debt of local government is now nearly

Ĺ2<u>0,</u>000m." The association makes the case for a greater share of national taxation administered by local government. Services such as education, housing, planning and highways are provided for the whole of the community because the community needs and demands them.

" But Parliament ordained that of the total of national taxation, the greatest slice should be collected and administered nationally even though it is arguable that a Government and public greater proportion of public

ew ideas yield overflowing cider crop

Agriculture

Correspondent

By a West Country

trace to purchase the crop for a guaranteed minimum price, at pre-sent £30 a ton, for 25 years.

cent 530 a tun, for 25 years.

Cider companies select preferred varieties from some 3,000 types of cider apple, and the selection is made to ensure a long harvesting period from early varieties like Tremlen Eitter to the midsenson series with picturesque names like Brown Snout, Fillbarrel and Somerset Redstreak. The season is completed by latefruiting varieties like Porters Perfection.

Nost of those selected are

Perfection.

Most of those selected are bittersweets. Low in acid and high in tunnin, they are best for cider-making. The extended harvesting period allows the factory to keep in full operation for the longest possible period. Some varieties, notably Porter's Perfection, will remain in the orchards without damage until the end of December in a normal year. Late blossoming gives the flowers a better chance of escaping May irosts.

Trusts.

The present price for apples from the new bush plantations is C1 a ton, for apples of recognized cider varieties from oid orchards.

526 a ton, and for apples such as

Morgan Sweet, 524 a ton.
This year everything has favoured the apple crop, and the cider orchards of the West are

service, other than by the pub-lic utilities, is administered by local government than by

Local government, arguing for a reasonable share of national revenues to assist in its finance, was only asking for a larger share of the funds provided by the inhabitants as whole for the public services as a whole.

The association defends local government's record on staff increases, stating that the average annual increase of 4.9 per cent did not appear to be higher than the projected growth in services. One ele-ment in the growth of expend-iture and staff had been the growth of specialization

"The reality is that the serried ranks of specialists in government departments are available to urge local government forward in pursuit of the ideal solutions to problems."

It says that the metropolitan areas, particularly London, are special cases. The costs of administering local government in London and the other great conurbations were relatively high, yet the distribution of the rate support grant up to 1974-75 had failed to do justice to those needs.

Such matters as extra costs of rebuilding rundown urban areas, the high costs of social services in areas of deprivation, are not counteracted the so-called 'wealth' ratable values."

The Society of Education Officers, in evidence to the Layfield committee, rejects as self-deafeating the idea of splitting off from local government some part of the education service, such as higher education or teachers' salaries. It argues for a buoyant source of tax revenue, payable to local authorities as their right.

Whether those sources are income tax, value-added tax, tax or poll tax, they should be supplemented by a local property tax made more fair and elastic than now, and by a central government sup-

Mr Callaghan leaving for Africa

today to hear leaders' views on Rhodesia conference

By David Spanier Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary, leaves London by special aircraft at noon today on an African tour that seems certain to be dominated by the Rhodesia question. He opens his talks with President Kaunda of Zambia in Lusaka tomorrow, goes on to Gotswana on Friday, and will visit Malawi, Tanzania, Kenya and finally Nigeria, before returning home on

January 11.
Whether Mr Caliaghan will have talks somewhere with Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, or Mr Vorster, the Prime Minister of South Africa, is still an open question. He has made it clear that, if they want to see him he will be williant. to see him, he will be willing to meet them.

The fact that he is spending New Year's Day at the Victoria Falls is an obvious opportunity for a talk with Mr Smith but, according to official sources in London, nothing has been arranged beyond meetings with the heads of government of the six African countries on his

Although Mr Callaghau sees his visit as the kind of general goodwill tour which it is proper for a Foreign Secretary to make

President Ford is thinking of

appointing an independent

commission to investigate the

Central Intelligence Agency. It

would be modelled on the

Warren Commission (of which

Mr Ford was a member) which

investigated the assassination of

State, and Mr Ford will announce his decision this week, Meanwhile, The New York

Times makes some new revela-tions today in reporting allega-tions of illegal spying by the CIA on peace groups in New York from 1968 to 1973, and

Time magazine alleges that one

of the ten thousand Americans

investigated was Justice William

Douglas, of the Supreme Court.

also investigated because they.

like Justice Douglas, had visited

mid-sixties or had links with Cuban exiles. The senator, the

late Mr Edward Long of Missouri, bad connexions with

The New York Times de-

foreign trading companies.

Mafia suspected

17 murder cases

Six murders during the past three weeks in the Palermo area bring the total of recent killings ascribed to the Mafia to 17. All are unsolved.

This new phase of suspected Mafia activity has been ascribed

to the ease with which accuse

men evade harsh sentences, and also to the failure of the autho-

From Our Correspondent

in series of

Rome. Dec 29

Dominican Republic in the

The magazine says that three

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The idea was suggested by Dr

Washington, Dec 29

President Kennedy.

inquiry into CIA

Airican leaders. So far Mr Calinghan has dis-

So far Mr Caliughan has displayed characteristic caution in approaching the Rhodesia question. He has watched the Africans make the running in the belief that, while Britain has final responsibility, it is primarily an African problem and in the hope that tecent developments will create the conditions for a solution. Now he wants to for a solution. Now he wants to learn at first hand how they see the prospects of a constitutional

conference.

3lichael Knipe writes from
Lusaka: Zambia's capital
resembles an international convention court for constitutional conferences this week. Independence plans are being sketched out here for both Rhodesia and Angola, two of the retarded children of Mother Africa's colonial are Africa's colonial era.

Mr Callaghan, who arrives tomorrow for discussions on the matter with President Kaunda of Zambia may also have talks with Rhodesia's African nationalist leaders. Meanwhile, talks are under way here between Dr Jones Savimbi and Dr Agostinho Neto, leaders of two of the three rival Angolan liberation movements.

Dr Savimbi said yesterday that all three had reached agreement to begin constitutional talks with the Portuguese —and he does have a particular tional talks with the Portuguese interest in Africa—there is no doubt that Rhodesia will be the first time that all three move

account given to it by a former CIA agent who reported on peace groups in New York in

the closing years of the Vietnam war. He said that it was a large-scale operation, involving infiltration, telephone tapping, break-ins, a great variety of electronic addator.

electronic gadgetry and psychological profiles. The former agent claimed that he had used at least 40 such profiles in his work. They

destine operations at home as it

was abroad, and that eyen if Mr

Nixon had not wished to con

ceal the fact that he was spying

on the Democrats, he might still

have wished to stop the PBI from discovering that the CIA

Junta leaders

in banishment

told of charges

From Our Correspondent

Athens, Dcc 29
Mr George Papadopoulos, the former Greek dictator, and his

four partners, who are banished to the island of Kea, were for-mally notified today that 'they

are accused of high treason and

Appeal Judge George Volus,

who is investigating denuncia-tions of the five exiles and 45

other junta members for seiz-ing power in 1967, today flew to

was spying on ten thousand

assistance.

ments have met the Portuguese. The talks are expected to be held in Portugal.

Dr Savimbi, aged 39, who leads UNITA, has been the activist in bringing the three movements together, having signal are server. signed non-aggression pacts with each of the other two rivals in the past few weeks. As yet, there has been no meeting between Dr Neto of MPLA and Mr Holden Roberto, the leader of the third movement, FXLA, but Dr. Roberto, the Search of the third movement, FXLA, but Dr. Roberto, the Roberto, the Roberto, the Roberto Roberto, the Roberto Robe but Dr Savimbi dismissed the idea that this might be a stumbling block.

The Africans are now pre-

paring a common platform for their meeting with the Portuguese. All parties are anxious to establish an interim government and this is likely to involve all three groups. It seems probable that there will be a Council of Ministers, with three from each movement, and no Prime Minister while the Portuguese will provide a high commis-ciones:

Bulawayo, Rhodesia, Dec 29,

Dr Elliott Gabellah, acting president of the African National Council, said yesterday that his organization regrets the killing of four South African religious by magnification in can policemen by guerrillas in Rhodesia just before Christmes. It had not been easy, he said, to give all insurgents in the north-east news of the ceasefire. Reuter. Leading article, page 9

Ford decision soon on More MPs urge resignation of Mr Stonehouse scribes in some detail an Continued from page 1

Mr Harry Courley, MP for Kirkcaldy and a former Labour Whip, said: "The deliberately deceitful actions of John Stone house are utterly reprehensible. They have brought discredit to politicians, the Labour Party and the House of Commons. Eis first action on being discovered in Australia should have been to send a telegram to the Prime Minister, resigning from Com-mons and the Privy Council." Our Political Staff writes: Mr Stonehouse has in effect a fort-night to decide whether to resign his seat in Parliament by

had been prepared by a special unit of the CIA. He said that in 1971, at the behest of Mr Howard Hunt, head of the White Honse "plumbers", the special unit prepared two pro-files of Mr Daviel Ellsberg, the man who had reaked the Pentaapplying for the Chiltern Hundreds. If he has not done so by the time the Commons re-assembles on January 13, there will undoubtedly be moves to gon papers. Air Hunt them went on to burgle the office of Dr Ellsberg's psychiatrist with CIA expel him.

The latest revelations suggest that in 1972 the CIA was conducting at least as many clanintention to resign known quickly as possible.

Bangladesh suspends constitutional rights

From Michael Hornsby
Delhi, Dec 29
President-Mohammadullah of
Bangladesh declared a state of
emergency over the weekend
and suspended all fundamental
rights conferred by the contirights conferred by the consti-lution, such as free speech and habeas corpus. The proclama-tion was countersigned by Shaikh Mujibur Rahman, the

Sharkh Mujibur Rahman, the Prime Minister.
Invoking special powers provided for in the constitution, the President said he was satisfied that a grave emergency existed in which the security and economic life of Bangladesh were threatened by internal disturbance.

A Government press note

A Government press note accompanying the presidential proclamation, referred to a group of people who had been active in various subversive activities in alliance with others who failed to attain power by constitutional means.

The note went on: "Some collaborators of the Palistan Army, notorious for their antinational crimes, extremists and enemy agents, in the pay of loreign powers for subverting the state, are all engaged now in activities which are creating impossible conditions in the country for attaining normal political stability and orderly economic progress."

economic progress."

The words "extremists" and "enemy agents" are presumed to refer to underground revolutionary groups of Maoist orientation which tion which carved out small areas of control during the barassment of the Pakistan Army in 1971 and after secession made the new Awami League Government the target of their terrorist activities. In a separate ordinance, the President gave the Government

power to prohibit the spreading of false reports and the printing or publishing of any newspaper, news sheet, book or other document containing mat-ters prejudicial to public safety, maintenance of public

order and essential services. The authorities were further empowered by the President to arrest any person deemed likely to act in a manner prejudicial to national security or interest or to Bangladesh's rela-tions with foreign powers. This provision appears to be aimed at restraining the expres-

sion of anti-Indian and pro-Pakistan opinion, but it could also supply an umbrella for stern measures against black-marketeers and smugglers. The proclamation of the

emergency reinforces the extensive powers of arrest and preventive detention which Shaikh Mujib already enjoyed under a Special Powers Act passed earlier this year.

For a year or more Banala.

For a year or more Bangla-desh has been steadily moving towards one party rule, with a controlled press and incarcera-tion of political opponents of the Government. This weekend's measures simply set a formal seal on the extinction of Shaikh Mujib's over-ambitious experiment in democracy.

The official claim that the lung-expected proclamation of entergency was made necessary by a sudden, new upsurge of internal disturbance cannot be sustained seriously.

Law and order broke down very soon after independence three years ago and has never been restored. According to official est mates, some 3,000 members of the ruling Awami League have been assass nated in political and personal feuds, and there is little doubt that the security forces have also done their share of killing.

In view of the ineffectiveness of previous steps taken by the Government to restore law and order and combat corruption, there must be real doubt whether even the assumption of full-scale emergency powers can now arrest Bangladesh's slow slide into anarchy and bank-

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Direct talks with Eritrea guerrillas proposed

Asmara, Dec 29.—Ethiopia's military leaders intend bringing peace to the troubled northern province of Eritrea by direct negotiation with leaders of the guerrilla movements fighting for the secession of the province, a member of the military Government said here today.
The announcement was made

by Major Berhanu Baieh, a member of the ruling military council in Addis Ababa, at a Mr Mellish, the Government Chief Whip, yesterday urged Mr Stonebouse to make his 345 community leaders from all pian Government officials and succeilla group, the Marxistorients of Eritrea, participants in Front (PLF), was formed a few the meeting said.

The meeting opened is Asmara, capital of Eritrea, yes-Asnara, capital of Eritrea, yesterday after a week of tension in the wake of rebel hand grenade attacks on two bars, in which six people were killed. The predominantly Muslim nationalist Eritrean Liberation Front (LLF) has been fighting the Ethionian army ever since the Ethiopian army ever since Eritrea—formerly a federal state with a large degree of autonomy—was made a province of Ethiopia in 1962. A second

years ago.—Reuter.

economic issues, which are regarded as the prime cause of the Mafia's continued strength. Fears have been voiced in the press of a further increase in Nato small arms criticized for being too heavy

revolt.

lished today.
It comes at a time when Britain, the United States, West Germany and Belgium are gaged in intensive research on

editor, who is an authority on small arms, points out in his foreword that national conceit and insularity after the Second world War meant that the only item of infantry equipment to be standardized throughout

"Events in the carly 1950s, when the next generation of rifles was being adopted, should serve as a warning to all Nato countries," he writes. "As a result of poor military judgment and political manoeuvring, the armies of Nato have been equipped for the last 20 years with a rifle cartrides the 7.67 with a rifle cartridge, the 7.62 millimetre, that is clearly too nowerful for the rask it

to carry and uncomfortable to graph published in the

a range of 400 metres This means that there is a general requirement to find a

Kea by helicopter and inter-viewed separately each of the five junta leaders. He gave them until January 15 to pre-

7.62 millimetre but also to the Americans' 5.56 millimetres round, which, despite its successful use in Vietnam, loses some of its efficiency at over

300 metres. Research in Europe and the United States has ranged from relatively conventional solu-tions, like the American TRW low maintenance rifle, to en tirely new kinds of ammuni-tion, like the caseless round—a buller which is coated with its

own propellant. caseless mean a saving in weight and materials, but success has as yet eluded the researchers partly because of the fire risks entailed in not having the propellant safely tucked away in-side a metal casing.

Major Hobart contends that infantry weapons have, ironically, grown more important since the installation of large numbers of atomic weapons in Europe. In future, infantry weapons should become more effective while costing no more and involving even less back-up support, he says. But if the infantry is to do more than just fight a delaying

action against an enemy, then there is no option for Nato countries but to try to overcome manpower shortages by equipping their armies with superior

Rattlebox-a portable 50 millimetre salvo firing rocket weapons covered in this new venture by Jane's. The book plugs another gap in Jane's

Butter Token Scheme ends on 31 December.

The Butter Token Scheme will end on 31 December 1974.

Tokens dated January 1975 and later, which have been issued to some people receiving a supplementary pension or allow ance, will not be valid for use and should be destroyed.

Tokens dated December may be used until 31 January 1975. They continue to be worth 6p each until then.

Retailers should surrender all butter tokens for reimbursement by 31 March 1975, to the Token Surrender Unit, Poulton-le-Fylde, Blackpool FY6 8NW.

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neckly \$50,000 Premum as Bond prize, announced on car, was non by number 065513. The winner lives in The 23 C1,000 winners are:

25 years ago From The Times of Friday. December 30, 1949

100 k 100 of the in the New Year.

From Our Labour Correspondent The stream of productivity teams from various sections of British industry which has been flowing across the Atlantic this year to study American methods, under arrangements made by the Anglo-American Council on Productivity, will be continued at a increased

Altogether 16 teams have gone to America this year. . . The first team in the New Year will be from the Diesel locomotive industry and will sail on January 4. It will be followed two days later by a team from the rigid-box and cartons industry and five days afterwards by a team from the general iron founding industry. Eight more will follow in rapid succession, including teams from letterpress printing, packing, meat processing and hosiery manufacturing, and chemical manufacturing

breaking their boughs under the weight of apples.

There were virtually no damaging frosts in May; the sunny weather of August put a blush on the fruit and the subsequent heavy rains caused them to swell to unusual sizes. By Henry Stanhope Defence Correspondent The current range of Nato rifles and small arms ammuni-tion is criticized in the first Under such conditions older order such conditions older orchards can produce fruit of surprisingly good quality. The neglect of the past is being remedied by the more progressive farmers, who now see in their cider apples a worthwhile crop. The initiation of a programme of proper pruning, surging and manuring can proedition of Jane's Infantry Weapons. 1975, which is pub-

spraying and manuring can prosome quite speciacular renext generation rifle. Major F. W. A. Hobart, the Some of the old favourites, such as Yarlington Mill and Kingston Black, are yielding bushels of plump fruit that surprises those who have been used to gathering

meagre crops of stunted apples from gnarled and lichen-hung Dessert and culinary apples are also useful in the making of spark-ling cider for much depends on the skilful blending of the juices of selected varieties. Nato was small arms ammunition. But even that was a con-troversial choice.

of selected varieties.

Some farmhouse cider-making still goes on in the West Country. At a recent demonstration of old-time farm crafts and implements near Yeovil an old wooden cider-press of traditional type squeuzed the juice out of fallen apples sandwiched between layers of straw, with three hefry men turning the screw. Some country imms will still serve locally made draught cider straight from the citk. Bottled cider, however, is benotice cider, however, is be-coming increasingly popular. Sales have increased tenfold in the past decade, and the demand still grows. expected to fulfil, and which requires a rifle that is heavy

> book illustrates that 96 per cent of all rifle engagements now take place within a range of 400 metres, 86 per cent within 300 metres, 70 per cent within 200 metres and 28 per cent within 100 metres. If these figures are accepted, then Nato's next rifle need be capable only of stopping the enemy at around

launcher-are among

weapon systems. general requirement to find a Jane's Injunty Weapons, 1975 successor not only to the Nato (Macdonald Janes, £19.50).

weapons and techniques. The new Russian general purpose machine gun and Brandr's

coverage of the world's weapon systems so tirat the series can now be said to range over all seabased, air, and land-based

Issued by the Department of Health and Social Security.

Six of the men charged with looting in Darwin are escorted by the police to court.

Call to reduce Darwin population to 10,000

Melbourne, Dec 29

Mr Gough Whitlam, the Australian Prime Minister, returning to Sydney after spending a dur inspecting Darwin, said that the Government would spare no effort to rebuild the

devastated city.

He has called an emergency Cabinet meeting for tomorrow to discuss plans for the rehabilitation of the city, struck by a cyclone on Christmas Day, and of its residents. On Tuesday he

will resume his European tour. In a broadcast from Darwin, he recalled the destruction caused by Japanese air raids during the Second World War. Arriving in Darwin yesterday had reminded him of his first of the city just after the visit to the city just after the Japanese attack, he said.

The people of Darwin are no cetter off now than they were after the bombing. I want to assure you that the Austra-lian Government will spare no erfort to rebuild this city, to restore it as a proper place to live and to work." He pledged help for all those who had been "stricken" by the

Mr Whitlam went on: "It has been extraordinarily fortunate that the Natural Disaster Organization is now in operation. It was established only nine weeks ago. Darwin is the first place where the organization has come into operation. Darwin's population

which the city can at present horse. It will not be long before sufficient power 15 available to restore water and sewerage systems. Health naz-ords will then have been over-

Major-General A. B. Stretton, the head of the Natural Disaster Organization, urged the people of Darwin in a broadcast: Trust me, stay with me, do not listen to rumours about disease, and the crisis will be over in a few

days."

the said that water supplies had been reconnected to most main city blocks and electric power was gradually being

Because of the sweltering heat many unidentified corpses had to be buried. Two more bodies have been found-those of two sailors washed up in the harbour—increasing the official death toll to 47.

A further 6,800 victims of the cyclone were flown out yesterday and 7,000 today. By tonight 17,500 had been evacuated. Dozens of commercial and military aircraft joined in a shuttle service.

The police in Darwin have warned looters that they will he "shot dead". More armed police have arrived in Darwin and are patrolling the streets. Fifteen people were brought before a Darwin court on looting charges. Two Aborigines were sentenced to 18 months' must be reduced urgently from jail for looting. Several other 45,000 to 10,000. That would be men were said to have been

with new goods. They all Mr Lennox Walker, a long-pleaded not guilty and the range weather forecaster, gave hearing was adjourned. a warning of five more cyclones.

Darwin, Dec 29.—A sign planted in front of a pile of mangled wreckage that once had been a house read:
"Heartbreak Hotel—no vacan-

General Stretton came close to tears as he pried to console the victims. His first stop was the shell of a house less than a mile from the badly damaged airport. Mr Sam Abu-Assi, a Syrian, who migrated to Australia 17 years ago, stood speechless beside what had been his home. Only one wall remained. His wife squatted in the remains of her kitchen.

Holding his four-year-old son, Rami, Mr Abu-Assi, said:
"I came here so long ago, I work 18 hours a day, seven days a week, to build a house and life for my family, now it is sone." is gone ".

Torrential rain fell for most of last night and women and children huddled for shelter in the shattered remains of the airport departure lounge waiting for flights.

Church services for all denominations were held today. In St Mary's Roman Catholic cathedral, a structure in ceinforced concrete whose huge stained-glass window escaped the cyclone, Mgr John O'Loughlin said: "It is a miracle that we are still alive."

People attended the church services wearing their Sunday suits to put on a show of norIn brief

Tearful eulogy to Jack Benny

Los Angeles, Dec 29.—Leading figures in the entertainment world today attended the funeral of Jack Benny, the comedian. One of his closest friends, George Burns, tried to give a eulogy but broke down sobbing. Bob Hope took over as Mr Burns was led away to his seat.

Troops tackle oil

Tokyo, Dec 29.—The Defence Agency today called in 700 troops to clean up the score round Japan's Seto inland sea where a giant oil slick has cost the fishing industry nearly 54,000m yen (191m).

Israel quintuplets

Jerusalem, Dec 29.—Mrs Tova Medina, aged 31, who underwent hormone treatment after being childless for seven years, today gave birth to quintuplets. They are all in comparatively good health in incubators.

24 die in air trip
Guatemala City, Dec 29.—A
private commercial Lockheed
aircraft, carrying 21 American
tourists and a crew of three
burst into flames on taking off
from the Mayan ruins of Tikal
in portrern Guatemala killing He said that three cyclones in northern Guatena would hit the central coast of everyone on board. in northern Guatemala, killing

Queensland on February 18, March 2 and April 7. Two other cyclones would strike Western Australia, near Windham, about 280 miles from Two skydivers plunged at than 5,000ft to their de Name Pour de Control of the Cont Mudgee, Australia, Dec 29.—
Two skydivers plunged more than 5,000k to their deaths today when their parachutes became tangled in a linked hands leap from a light aircraft.-Reuter.

Volcano descent halted

A group of 43 weary, bedraceled Britons were flown into London yesterday after losing their possessions in the devastation of Darwin.

They were employees of the Foreign Office at the government relay station in Darwin, accompanied by their wives and children. Scott Base, Antarctica, Dec 29.—A French, American and New Zealand effort to descend into the active volcanic crater, Mount Erebus, in Antarctica has been abandoned after it started to display potentially dangerous signs of activity.—Reuter.

> Admirable Dr Kissinger Washington, Dec 29.-For the second year in succession, Dr Henry Kissinger emerges as the man Americans most admire in a Gallup opinion poll published by the Washington Post. Former President Nixon gained seventh

Heath Caribbean tour

Mr Edward Heath will have talks with Mr Lynden Pindling, the Prime Minister of the Bahamas, and Mr Michael Manley, the Premier of Jamaica, during a visit to the West Indies for which he leaves today.

"Our Gracie", says the young man at the reception desk, nor flinching for an instant from using the legendary cliché, "is in room 733." On the seventh in room 733." On the seventh in Earls Court, and learnt her songs on the She topped the bill at the London Palladium, earned a record of £6,500 for eight days at the Empress Hall in Earls Court, and learnt her songs on the train between London and Capri, her real home since just before the war. "I kept nearly selling the house there, only I realized that those journeys were the only time I could learn new

Our Gracie:

A little frail but still in

good voice

Palladium.

in dark red trousers and matching patterned shirt, with glasses with red rims, and gold slippers. She has aged in the tradition of the great indomitable English ladies, with a pug face and soft white hair. She is a little frail, but her skin is extraordinarily unlined, a firm and friendly matron, who suddenly, astonishingly, does a quick dance and bursts into song. The famous voice is just the same, "something between a vodelling song and a Bach a vodelling song and a Bach cantata" as a critic once some-

what unkindly but very aptly called it. "I can still sing. I still have the voice", she says. "That hasn't gone." Gracie Fields tried to retire when she was 47, saying that she was too old to swing her legs around. She tried again at 67, and began giving goodbye concerts in America, Canada, and all over England. Now, 10 years later, her concert days are really over, though clubs and theatres still make offers. "I can't make any more appearances", she says with a real note of regret. "I

might get a cold and then not

be able to appear. And I've seen

so many people making come-backs when it's unfair to ask the

audience for the money. I want

them to remember me in full

Full bloom was the 1930s

good in the south, without losing

world, earning more than £150,000 a year from films,

shows and records.

Sally in-our alley, made in

1931, took more money than any

British picture of its vintage and gave her the song "Sally " which

she has sung ever since. She started an orphanage and toured the country from end to end,

surrounded by her family, song-

writers, managers and accompanists. In August, 1934, 110,000

people, the equivalent of Black-pool's entire resident population,

new enemy alien his band, Monry Banks (when she was accused of taking a lot of money and jewelry out of the country) did not mar her popularize for long.

larity for long.

After the war she turned from

bloom.

Then I did it as an Irish woman." She puts on a strong Irish voice. "Then I did it as a Scotswoman." She switches her accent. "Then I did it as when the Lancashire girl from Rochdale, the girl who had worked in the mines, and made her uncompromisingly no-non-sense manner, and Lancashire vowels, was said to be the richest working woman in the Country, standard English and American overtones. "Then I American overtones. "Then I thought I can't do this unless I

Gracie Fields today: "I can still sing. I still have the voice."

floor two maids, with the mixture of reverence and she's-a-good-sort affection that must have accompanied her all her life, are discussing when to do "her" room. Two middle aged ladies, fans from the North and songs. On tour here it was impossible, people, shows, never a moment off. So two days a young photographer are com-ing out of the Maxwell suite at the Westbury Hotel, where Gracie Fields, 77 in the New Year, is spending her annual week in London. there and two days back and a rest in between and I learnt a whole new set of songs for the She is smaller than I expect her to be, rather well dressed in dark red trousers and match-

During those years she never read a press cutting about herself. "My mother looked at them all. They affected me somehow. Once I did a show and sang 'Little old lady'. Everyone loved it. But then I read a piece a critic wrote about it being a ridiculous sone about it being a ridiculous song for a royal command performance. So I started picking at it, and thought yes, it is rubbish. So next time I sang it, I sent it up. The audience was furious. From then on, what the audience likes,

Gracie Fields did one straight play, when she was asked by Sir Gerald du Maurier to be his leading lady in S.O.S. She took the part of a girl who commits suicide in a wayside inn. "Everyone was scared stiff that it would make me leave music hall. But I don't want to go to the theatre every night and say the same words. Then I do a concert I change all the songs around to keep fresh, so it's not like putting a penny in the slot, and jabber, jabber, jabber. At one time I could remember 360 different songs, and I would just start singing whatever I thought

So she turned down straight parts, though she did consider at one point doing a one-woman play a producer sent her. "It was about this woman's life. I read it. Then I put it on tape. myself." She reverts to the characteristic mixture of North can pick it up and give it a bit of a giggle. There's a smile in

the drabbest of lines and I want to find it in my lines."

There has always been talk of opera contracts, but "I'm just a bathroom opera singer", she says. "I think I've had a lot more fun. I just fool about. All that practising would have been a terrible chore. I never trained so I could never have attacked it professionally, only as part of a comic act, when i would be a charwoman, scrub bing the floor and singing some-thing out of Verdi or Puccini." She does a few bars from Medame Butterfly.

"But a lot of people think you're most moving when you sing opera", says Boris Alpero vici. Gracie Fields's third hus band, who potters about the sitting room of the Maxwell suite, a smiling man who looks like a contented cat.

Air Alperovici is one of the reasons why they live in Capri, since he runs the restaurant and swimming pool she had always planned to have, and insisted, when they married in 1952, on a quiet time. It cannot be all hat quiet however, since Gracic Fields is recognized queen of Capri, and tour operators make special journeys to point out her

And though the days when people mobbed her in the streets are over, it is not all that quiet anywhere. She was called up on the stage at the Danny La Rue show in London last week, and given a standing ovarien. She has also just made a record " Sing along with Gracie the best I've ever made. It has an impact just like it used to at the old Palladium." She is now planning two more. "I'm trying to work out my life story on two records taking the song that meant something to me,

and talking in between."

And she adds, somewhat wistfully, that she would not at all mind doing a television film of Paul Gallico's Mrs Harris goes to Paris. Nor has the "grande dame of the English pop song" as Colin MacInnes has called her, the warm-hearted good sort who received 100,000 letters when she was ill in hopital in 1939, quite given un her public. "I still get a lor of letters, but I'm just nor going to answer them all ray more. Now it will just have to be Christmas cards." I asked her how many she had sent "Well. I did well over 1.500 myself", she says. think that's going to be my

Caroline Moorehead

US aviation body blamed Guarantees Al Fatah chief still intent over Paris airbus crash

By Arthur Reed Air Correspondent

The DC10 airbus was given a certificate of airworthiness by the United States Federal Aviation Administration without sufficiently stringent safety tests, according to a report made public in Washington over the weekend.
A DC10 owned by Turkish

Airlines crashed after taking off from Paris for London last March killing all 346 on board, including 175 Britons—the world's worst air disaster.

A large part of the blame for that crash is now placed with the FAA by the report, which was drawn up internally in April by officials of the administration itself, but which remained secret until this weekend. It was then released attached to a second report on the DC10 by a House of Repre-sentatives special investigations

sub committee. The House committee alleged that the FAA put thousands of lives at risk needlessly and

A town learns

with its mice

Kalgoorlie. Dec 29.-Mice, driven from the plains of West-

ern Australia, by huge bushfires, have overrun the goldfields town of Kalgoorlie.

Police Constable Stewart
Ainsworth said today that
there was panic when the mice

first began moving into town about three months ago.

finding mice in their beds and

even in their baths. I heard

about one bloke who found a

mouse in his beer. He just flicked it out and kept on drinking."—Reuter.

Constable Ainsworth added: "I think we are fighting a losing battle. Residents are

to live

hold up peace talks

The Greek and Turkish Cypriot representatives had another meeting over the weekend, but they again failed to agree on a mutually acceptable basis for

resuming their peace talks.

An official announcement after the meeting said Mr Glafkos Clerides, president of the Greek Cypriot House of Representatives, and Mr Rauf Denktash, the Turkish Cypriot leader, "continued to exchange views on a basis for beginning talks on the substance of the prob-

service with airlines, including one British operator, the independent Laker Airways, and the FAA report comments that with leader the modifications which have been made, there is no doubt that the cargo door is safe. Soviet dissident trial in Lithuania Moscow, Dec 29.-The Soviet authorities have flown Dr Sergei Kovalev, a dissident biologist, to Lithuania where he will

on killing King Husain From Paul Martin foiled by Morocca

Beirut, Dec 29

Arab hopes for a reconciliation between King Husain and the Paiestinian guerrillas have been dealt a serious blow on the threshold of the proposed combatants' talks in Cairo. The setback came in the form of a renewed assertion by Mr Salah Khalaf, the second in command of Al Fatah, that his group still intended to kill the King and overthrow his regime.

Mr Lennox Walker, a long-

children.

The 43 were flown out of the area by the RAF and then travelled from Singapore on board a British Airways VC10.

They were met by Foreign

Office staff. A special room was

set aside for those who had lost their passports or had no

Mrs Vivian Buffery, aned 28, from Luton, said of the disaster: "We just grabbed the

children and ran to a neigh-bours' hut. Is we were doing so all sorts of things were flying

through the air. Washing machines, fridges and razor sharp pieces of metal were all over the place. They hid in a shed, praying.

She told her two children Jean and Louise that "Father Christmas had arrived and had landed on the roof". They seemed to accept it.

March.-Reuter.

Jordan has demanded as its price for burying the hatchet with the guerrillas an end to the four-year-old campaign waged against it. Earlier the guerrillas appeared to have taken a step in this direction by deciding at their central council meeting to end the Palestinian propaganda war against the Hashemite king-

dom.

Mr Khalas, whose nom de guerre is Abu Iyad, personally led an unsuccessful attempt on the King's life while he was cles in the way of attending the Arab summit atton of relations meeting in Rabat. The plot was

foiled by Moroccan security forces after a tip-off from the

Spanish police.

Al Fatah is the biggest of the Palestinian groups and is headed by Mr Yassir Arafat, the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization. However, Mr Khalaf has a considerable following, particu-larly among the terror-oriented members of Al Fatah. The planning of the Black Sep-tember terrorist network has been attributed to him.

"If anyone wants to give Husain a chance", Mr Khalaf said in an interview with the Al Qoods press group, "then let them do it. So far as I am concerned, the matter is settled and the question is clearcut. I am not giving the King a chance."

Jordan had earlier criticized a statement by Mr Khalaf made at a press conference in Beirut, in which he claimed responsibility for the Rabat operation. According to Jor-danian sources, this latest out-burst against the King and his regime will increase the obsta-cles in the way of a normalization of relations between Jor-

Cairo ministers in Russia

Moscow, Dec 29.-Mr Brezhney, the Soviet party leader, to-day met Dr Ismail Fahmi, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, and Lieutenam General Muhammad al-Gamassi, the War Minister.

The discussions, which Western diplomats say may reflect a crucial stage in Soviet-Egyp-tian relations, took place in a "friendly atmosphere", accord-

sources quoted in Cairo, Both those sources and Western dip-lomats here said the visit is connected with Mr Brezhnev's announced visit to Cairo next month.

There has been some diplomatic speculation, unconfirmed by official sources, that Russia has threatened to postpone or cancel that visit unless a substantial degree of agreement is reached beforehand mainly on Middle East peace moves and Soviet weapons shipments.—

Rocket attack on South

forces yesterday launched_artil lery and rocket attacks on the city of Tay Ninh, 50 miles northwest of Saigon, and on military base camps near the city.

Reporting the attacks, the

South Vietnamese command said the rockets and shells caused no casualties, but four Government soldiers were killed in fighting round a communica-tions centre on Ba Den moun-

heard Gracie Fields sing at their She sang two kinds of songs, comical character ditties and the sentimental, gushing tunes like "Sing as we go". "The jokes just happened. To start with I thought it was terrible when people laughed at me. It was all right when I was mimicking other people, because then I could pretend that they were laughing at them. But then one day I was asked to ad lib in a sketch and I realized what fun it was. If it's laughter they want, then you can just keep adding to the jokes." But she is wary of mimics, and the people who mimic her and her songs. "When you see stars doing the same things again and again, the same songs and the same mannerisms, it's easy to copy. But you can't go on doing it. You've got to find your own character. Just as I did watching people like Charlie Chaplin and George Formby." During the war she took her songs and her sketches touring the troops and sang "She's going to string old Hitler / On the very highest bough / Of the biggest aspidistra" and came back to the CBE, the Freedom of Rochdale, and an honorary degree of Master of Arts from Manchester University. A passing unpleasantness over her departure to America with her

music hall to concerts. "I sang my songs, and told nice clean Gracie in her heyday: "The jokes just happened."

Miss Morosi will join staff of Dr Cairns

From Our Correspondent Melbourne, Dec 29

Dr Jim Cairns, the acting Prime Minister and Federal Treasurer of Australia, announced today that Miss Juni Morosi would rejoin his staff as a private secretary. Dr Cairns said she would negin her duties as soon as the necessary arrangements could be made.

Miss Morosi was first appointed to Dr Cairns's staff on December 2-but withdrew after a storm in Parliament and controversy in the press. Dr Cairns said today that allegations and innuendoes in the newspapers had made it impossible for her to continue with her work in his office, but she grounds for any charges of impossible for his office, but she grounds for any charges of impossible for his office, but she grounds for any charges of impossible for his office, but she grounds for any charges of impossible for his office, but she grounds for any charges of impossible for his office, but she grounds for any charges of impossible for his office, but she grounds for any charges of impossible for his office, but she grounds for any charges of impossible for his office, but she grounds for any charges of impossible for his office, but she grounds for any charges of the grou had now reconsidered her deci- propriety against her.

sion and wished to accept the post. He was satisfied she was qualified for a position as private secretary, and she would work in public relations with special reference to communications with industry, banking

apparently face trial on charges

lications, Academician Andrei

Sakharov said today. Dr Kova-lev was arrested on Friday in

connexion with investigations into an underground Lithuanian journal on Roman Catholic Church affairs.

Meanwhile, Professor Alexander Vessor I a Sovier physical

ander Voronel, a Soviet physi-cist, arrived in Israel today after a two-year struggle to emigrate from Russia.—Reuter.

to face

and consumers.

Earlier it had been reported that Miss Morosi had been negotiating to join a commercial television station as a television reporter. This month a report was submitted by the New South Wales Corporate Affairs Commission to Sir Robert Askin, then Premier of that seate which said that in that state, which said that investigations into the affairs of companies with which Miss Morosi had been associated

unjustifiably by failing to deal properly for almost two years with a danger which had been shown up in the DC10 design. This was a reference to the rear cargo door which in the Paris disaster blew out under the arcraft. The reserve incide the aircraft the pressure inside the aircraft Nicosia, Dec 29 hull. The force of the pressure released pushed the cabin floor down and this severed con-

trols inder the floor. In July, 1972, the cargo door of an American Airlines DC10 blew out over Windsor, Ontario, but on that occasion the crew

were able to bring the airbus down safely. The Congress investigators were unable to obtain a satisfac-tory answer as to why the door of the DC10 in the Paris crash had not been modified. About 160 DC10s are now in

After their last meeting on December 19 the two Cypriot leaders announced that they had reached agreement on "all points but one". According to informed sources, the remaining obstacle is over the form of international guarantees for the constitutional order likely to emerge from their deliberations.

Meanwhile, Archbishop Makarios was reported to be greatly concerned over the continuing rift within the Cyprus church. This became apparent after the collapse of an attempt by Archbishop Seraphim, the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople and the Primate of Greece, to reconcile Archbishop Makarios and three unfrocked rebel bishops of the Cyprus church. of disseminating unofficial pub-

bishops of the Cyprus church.
Our Athens Correspondent
writes: A Greek military
manoeuvre was staged unexpectedly in the Aegean Sea yesterday to test Greek defences in
case of attack—presumably by
Turkey. It is understood that
the alert involved the Greek Turkey. It is understood that the alert involved the Greek islands in the eastern Aegean. which have been fortified against possible Turkish attack.

Former Prime Minister expelled by Thailand

Bangkok. Dec 29

Tension in Bangkok has on a special flight for Singapore today.

The expulsion followed student demonstrations at Tham-

Marshal Thanom's detention to be done. face possible charges concern-ing his actions during the Marshal Thanom arrived here bloody street demonstrations from Bangkok, and was driven which ultimately brought down to the Thai Embassy.—Agence his military Government in France-Presse.

October last year. However, it could cause serious unrest, especially with a general elecdeclined considerably with the rion due in less than a month. expulsion of the former Prime

General Kris Sivara, the army

Minister, Field Marshal

Commander in chief, cut short a Thanom Kittikachorn, who left tour of South-East Asia and returned to Bangkok from Manila late last night. General Kris said at an air

port press conference that he thought Field Marshal Thanom

masat University protesting at should be expelled quickly, masat University protesting at and soon afterwards a meeting the former military leader's of senior Cabinet officials con-An emergency Cabinet meet The student movement itself ing on Friday ordered Field was divided about what should

Singapore, Dec 29.—Field Marshal Thanom arrived here

Vietnam city Saigon, Dec 29.—Communist

During the past three weeks five district towns have been captured by the communists. Three of them were in Phuoc Long province, north of Saigon. The Government command said 80 mortar bombs last night his a militia position near the pro-vince's isolated capital, Phuoe

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The stroke he suffered during the operation has left him with some trouble in his right arm and leg—he describes it as having continuous pies and appearance. tinuous pins and needles"—although the condition has considerably improved. "I have now accepted the situation. It has become a modus vivendi. I can't look after myself. Getting

about has become extremely difficult. But I can write.

For a time after the operation I couldn't compose because I had no confidence in my powers of selection. I was worried too about my ideas. Then I suddenly got my confidence back about five months ago, and now composing has become, apart from anything else, a mar-vellous therapy. Now that I can write again, I have the feeling of being of some use once more. I do want people to know what the position is, because I get all kinds of letters. One may say
'Are you dying?', the next,
'Will you come on a lecture
tour of American universities?',"

Dr Tait added: "Ben had to come to terms with the fact that he way not going to get better in the way he had hoped. Be-cause of the residual heart con-dition he is obviously not going to be able to perform any more. But returning to compo-sition is an immense challenge and in a way much more important than anything else. He did get depressed, and felt that everything he cared for most had been taken from him. Now he has rediscovered a purpose for living."

be heard at Aldeburgh next find it hard to get to the top

summer. They include a fifth of a large score so the flutes Canticle, a setting of an and piccolos tend to get left canticle, a setting of an Eliot poem for Peter Pears and Osian Ellis. It is called The Death of St Narcissus and comes from a volume of Eliot's early verse. Britten comments:

"While I have been ill, one of my greatest consolations has "While I have been ill, one of my greatest consolations has been reading, especially music (Haydn's symphonies) and poetry, above all Eliot, for the clarity and security of his language. I don't understand all his poems but I find them very absorbing. And The Death of St Narcissus, a beautiful, strange poem, was one in particular that I liked.

"Then, on the suggestion of

"Then, on the suggestion of my publisher Donald Mitchell, I have been reconsidering Paul Bunyan, that is the operetta I wrote with Wystan Auden in 1941. It badly needed cutting and revising. I have also been looking at an early string quartet, written in 1931. These revisions have been according to the contraction of the sions have been a way of return-

ing to composition. " I have not had quite my old certainty. For instance I made some small cuts in Death in Venice—which, remember, I have seen only twice, once at Covent Garden, once here—and then I had them restored for the New York performances. Incidentally, the enormous success there for the work, and for Peter in particular, has been

gratilying to me. "Then there's the new folksong sequence for orchestra which I have yet to name. I wrote Hankin Booby for wind wrote Hankin Booby for wind orchestra when the Queen Elizabeth Hall opened, as parr of a group of folk-song arrangements, mostly by Grainger and Holst. Since then, he's been lying there without a family, so now I have provided him with four brothers and sisters, to make a suite. That has been make a suite. That has been quite a large undertaking. I'm full of other ideas, just requiring the energy to get them on paper.

"Writing even a bar or two The first results of that will is quite a sweat. Physically I out!

Britten concluded: "There is one thing that is specially important to me. I do want people to know that when people to know that when I refuse to do this or that for them, it's simply because I am not capable of fulfilling all the things I would like to. Above all, I would love to do more for the festival to help Peter, Imogen and Bill Servaes. I do help particularly in the I do help, particularly in the matter of programme-building, but not as much as I want to. I did also manage to go to the sessions for the recording of Death in Venice, but even that tended to excite me too much. I felt it so essential for me to be there, to decide whether this was what I really wanted, but I couldn't really cope. So when I do say 'No' to people, I'm not trying to get out of something. If people get upset, that in turn hurts me. Then I'm depressed. What gets me back on the rails again is work-

Musically, he is helped by his faithful assistant, Rosamund Strode, and looked after by Rita Thomson, who was until recently a sister at the National Heart Hospital. He acknowledges an enormous debt to her for his recommon debt to her ledges an enormous debt to her for his recovery to date. She told me: "We know there is a definite limit to what we can expect of his heart at the moment. So at all costs we want to preserve his energy for composing. When he goes to the Maltings, people think that he looks great, but actually that takes an awful lot out of him. Speaking to you now, he seems Speaking to you now, he seems well enough, but afterwards he will be very tired. He usually manages to write for about an hour in the morning, and some-times again in the afternoon. The remainder of the time he must rest."

ing. As Ian says, psychologically that seems important.
Whether it is musically and here some of the old Britten humour came back—only time a few days ago.

irony):

Photograph by Edward Morgar

Paul Barker

Films for the children

The children seem to be still more astounding than they doing rather better at the were in 1938. It is easier too, movies than their adults durin the abstraction of time, to ing the Christmas holidays.

Disney's seasonal offering is the character caught by Albert Hurter's quaint Germanic settings; and to admire the nartheatre) a robust and jolly rative economy of the whole piece of period science fiction. piece of period science fiction, with Donald Sinden as an iras-cible English clubman and Jacques Marin as the eccentric inventor and captain of a 1907, Melies-style airship, Hyperion (a natural new ride for Disney-land).

The story is based on lan tish director of having two Cameron's The Lost Ones, and films (this and A Private tells how the expedition, in Enterprise) in this year's Lonsearch of the whales' gradon Film Festival. veyard (a marine variation on The hero is an the old myth of the elephents graveyard), comes across a lost Viking tribe which has survived more than 1,000 years on an island easis off Greenland, warmed by hot springs.

The period engineering is irresistible; the special effects and matte work are exemplary, and the script is bright and and the script is origon and not at all patronizing. The director is the old Disney faithful, the veteran British director Robert Stevenson, whose career, stretching back to
Tudor Rose and including the
Margaret Sullavan version of
Back Street and the Orson Welles one of Jane Eyre, as well and Mary Poppins, might well merit a National Film Theatre tribute to sheer crafts-

manship, Disney also have Christmas Disney also have Unristmas revivals of Peter Pan (on release) and Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs (Studio One) which repays a fresh look. Few films can have surrived 25 warms and are said. vived 36 years quite so well. Some of the original irritations—the more kitschy songs. Snow White's baby piping—have mellowed with age. Maybe the dwarfs' comedy have companing as your grown. loses something as you grow up: but in compensation you can better appreciate qualities of design and animation that have hardly been surpassed.

Animated by Art Babbitt, the wicked Queen runs down the stairs, and even the weight of her swirling velvet clock is precisely rendered; while the abstract images that accom-pany her spells are perhaps

The Sleeping Beauty Covent Garden

John Percival

Ballet has more than its share of perpetual adolescents, and one of Monica Mason's merits has always been that she looked like a real woman on stage. With her first Aurora on Saturday, the virtue turned to a disadvantage. Playing a schoolgirl princess half her real age, she proved less than convincing dramatically, especially as Julian Hosking, in his unannounced debut as Florimund, looked so boyish,

But she could not have hoped for stronger or more courteous parmering from anyone, however experienced, and if their duets lacked much sense of occasion they were admirably executed. Mason approached the Rose adagio rather cautionsly: more confidence will doubtless more excitement. Her soios had a composed, pleasantly reticent manner; the first might have been more closely related to the music, although Anthony fwiner's conducting seemed to lack his usual sense of tempo giusto.

Hosking's elegantly sleuder appearance is an asset; even more so his excellent bearing and care for style and character. His slow solo in the vision scene the last scene did not become time's passage.

rative economy of the whole

development. At the ICA every Saturday at three o'clock, there is a spe-cial children's matinee of the Children's Film Foundation film What Next? directed by Peter K. Smith, who had the unusual distinction for a Bri-

comic little boy (played with bunny-faced solemnity by Peter Robinson) who gets bit on the head by a stack of newspapers flung from a van, and there-after takes to prophesying the future in excruciating rhyming couplets.

The police, naturally, do not believe his warnings of crimes about to be committed, and it is left to him and his two little mates (Perry Benson and Lynne White), assisted by a reporter from the Hackney Gacette (Laurence Carter) bring the crooks and their boss

(James Cossins) to book.

Peter K. Smith has also made for the Children's Film Foundation a series of outrageous two-reelers under the general title of The Trouble general title of The Trouble with 2B—one of which, Trial of Strength, is showing in support of What Next? This reveals the same feeling for narrative and character, and the same appreciation of children as human beings—anarchic, dreadful, untamed, responsible, sensible, and entirely free of the relationships. anarchic, dreadful, untamed, responsible. Sensible, and contrely free of the role-playing that besets their elders. In Trial of Strength the children of 2B are bedevilled by a gorilla-like new PT master, who is only worsted when a wispy little blond boy guzzles a whole flaskful of Strength Potion brewed by the barmy physics brewed by the barmy physics teacher, and ends up pulling the entire staff of the school across the playground on the other end of a tug-o'-war rope.

David Robinson

airborne enough, but he brought a touch of real bravura to some

passages. Among many newcomers to Among many newcomers to other roles, Anita Young's Princess Florisse, although overcareful, showed potential and Graham Fletcher's Bluebird had spirit although remaining too earthbound after one initial big jump. He tired too soon in his cntrechats, but almost all today's casts seem prone to this.

A general neatness about the feet among the various fairy soloists testified to the high level of competence among the Royal Baller's lower ranks, but none of the girls shows the individual personality or distinctive feeling for movement which mark out potential future baller inas or senior soloists.

Several costumes have been redesigned without making much difference. Florimund is still handicapped by making his first appearance looking like a refugee from a very minor operena. Carabosse has a new get-up reminiscent of Bette Davis as Elizabeth I; Alexander Grant manages to carry it off but the production's general weakness over entrances and exits kills some of his effect. Another change is that there

is no longer an interval between Aurora's falling asleep and Florimund's arrival to awaken her. I suppose this may be a com-mendable attempt to avoid overtime payments, but it seems odd had feeling but could take more to jump a hundred years without incisiveness. His big manege in even a brief pause to mark

Songs as history

A Touch on The Times Songs of Social Change 1770-1914. Edited by Roy Palmer

As I was walking down our street
As used to be in Brummagem,
I knowed nobody as I did meet:
They change their jaces in
Brummagem.

The songs,
graphs, are of that are not we

it is contemporary. The motor But what songs now would so directly recount social change?

A Touch on The Times is a collection of songs that did. It is a kind of hymnal of provincial, working class England in the nineteenth century. Birmingham is the symbol of it. The name constantly recurs; and not only, I presume, because the book's editor, Roy Palmer,

teaches there. But all the other boom towns and cities of coal and iron and the railways are here, too: Preston, Oldham, Liverpool, Newcastle. If London comes in, it is the shabby London on the other side of the tracks, where "tradesmen, 'tis plain, at no roguery stop./They adulterate everything they've in their shop". The gods of this hymnal are steam and self-improvement. in among the 38 songs that Mr Painter has chosen from the thousands written, Mr Arthur Lockwood, the book's designer, and Angela Murphy, the picture researcher, have interwoven a marvellous collection of photographs. The one that most sums up the book shows a railwayman setting a train indicator on Leicester Central Station. The main indicator arm points to Notting-ham. Sheffield, Penistone, Manchester, Huddersfield, Halifax and Bradford. On the platform stands a newsvendor's placard for 18 October, 1870: THE EDUCATION BILL—DE-BATE IN THE COMMONS. This was the Forster Education Act.

which was to take teaching out of the (voluntary) Sunday schools and put it into the (even-

An Unofficial Rose BBC 2

Stanley Reynolds

I wonder how much of a rrend it is for the BBC to be serializing Irish Murdoch's An Unofficial Rose? At a time when the Arts Council seems to be searching the living of its pockets a switch from the classics to television adaptation of the novels of living writers could be a very welcome form of artistic patronage. Hollywood's novelbuying is also not what it once was; and, besides, film land also proved to be rather a distorting looking-glass world for novelist's creatures: the BBC, although small of purse, has been true. There are the viewers, too, to be considered. And how nice it was on Saturday to sit back and see Miss Murdoch's pages take flesh.

I don't think I have ever been shocked by Miss Murdoch on the page: her intentions are so pure—positively Jamesian. But seeing it all in living colour is something else. Here is Uncle Humpo (Charles Lloyd Pack) salaciously eyeing young Penn (Paul Henley), the youth just arrived from Australia—old Humpo always had a taste for Down Under, as his scandal-laced career in the FO showed.

tually compulsory) hands of the results of an accepted Charter local school boards. The needs is (1 think without much

of that hard age produced changes which were to soften it: "a cast-iron age", one song calls it, though with humour, (Penguin, 40p)

The songs, like the photographs, are often Anon. Those that are not were written by the kind of men who might also This song was first sung in listen to them. "Freeth was 1828, at the Theatre Royal, Bir- of humble origin", Painter says. 1828, at the Theatre Royal, Birmingham. But when it is sung talking about the few known authors. "Mather worked in authors." the cutlery trade. Armstrong car has only carried on, in the mass a miner, Laycock a power of the work folk would be loom weaver." Their congs reasonable and the railways began.

We was a miner, Laycock a power of the work folk would be loom weaver." Their congs reasonable and the masters be but were sometimes sentimental, usually humorous, occasionally.

The turnouts fie, strikes will turn the turnouts field the turnouts fie political; they have a sort of

awkward grace. There is a direcmess; but also a feeling of unused power. This may be a fault in one's own perception, of course, Despite Mr Palmer's heipful footnotes, one is still reading these songs through I faint mist of time. The photographs,

by contrast, speak clear. The moral parallel to the cast-iron technology was the New Poor Law. In a ong called "The People's Comit Alphabet ": W. stands for workhouse, at the

end of a hard life. In these English bastilles they part man and wife.

But this has not the imme-But this has not the immediacy of the photograph of rows of elderly men, like battery hens, eating their regimented dinner in the Marylebone Workhouse. The song softens its point in a cory English way by making it in a English way, by making it in a mock-comic context. The photograph cannot soften what it records at all.

Mr Palmer has a section specifically on politics. This is specifically on politics. This is right—especially in a book so clearly and self-avowedly in spired by E. P. Thompson's work. But I strongly suspect that, except at moments of heightened tension, the songs of Saturday night and Monday morning went down better with morning went down better with the audiences. It may be evidence for this that even a song at the high point of Chartism gives itself the bouncy tune of "The Campbells are Coming." And what it recognises. And what it promises as the

And there is Randall (John Woodvine) lenting his rose nur-sery business go to ruin while he drinks in his room, surfacing

occasionally to storm at his wife (Ann Bell) who is being pursued by Felix (Decele Western Pursued

by Felix (Derek Waring). Your

reviewer must pause here for

breath.

breath.

Mildred (Ruth Dunning),
Humpo's wife, is trying to
arrange the romance of Ann and
Felix and she also wants to start
an affair with Hugh (Maurice
Denham), the husband of Fanny
who is safely dead. Humpo does
not mind good gracious no!

not mind, good gracious no! He is ofi to Morocco for a bit

of what ever is the opposite of a bit of the other. Meanwhile Randall is making regular visits to London to see Emma Sands (Mary Morris) the lesbian lady thriller-writer, in an attempt to pry Emma's elegant "companion" Lindsay (Lorna Heilbron) away from her. I have

And get lots of young wor twopence apiece. Some of the songs about strikes and wages are bitter, but many have an almost excessive rationality:

A louf for a penny, a pig for a

And gunpowder tea at five

farthings o pound :-Instead of red herrings we'll live

in, and prosper all things must. Perhaps this reasonableness is why so much evidence remains, among English working class life, of what is sung about here. Even now, many of those workhouses stand (which the Eastille itself does not), and they may still be separating man and wife: but they're now part of the NHS and are called geriat-

ric wards. It is a strangely mixed life that is portrayed in these songs, just as English working life, even now, is a curious mixture of "little luxuries" and shabbiness. One song complains about the teadrinking wives"; another recounts "the lasses' resolution to follow the fashion" (countries that retained a peasantry retained yearin-year-out peasants retained year-in-year-out peasant dress). But these are husbands' standard themes: and in fact, in both photographs and text, it is the

changed position of women that struck me most. The men are-many of them the men are many or men trapped; they dig coul or canals, or try to make the best of unemployment. But they have, sometimes, a debonair-ness that the women, once past first youth, have to forgo. The only "free women" in these pages are travelling actresses. But among the men there are tramps, murfin men, sheep

dippers, cobblers. These lives, too, were hard. But the very bend of the women's backs in the photographs, the hard muscles wringing out clothes, show how much the system rode on shoulders of the women.

forgotten Miranda (Adrienne Byrna) who has not actually done anything yet, but all the other characters keep saying what a strange child she is. Is that surprising? And this is only part one of Simon Raven's

four-part adaptation. Well, Portrait of a Lady was never like this, and neither was Coronation Street, but An Unofficial Rose, with all its masses
of plor and drama, has a touch
of the "street" about it—and a
very good thing too. So much
television drama seems to consist of only two characters. sist of only two characters in a room with the viewer baving nothing to watch but the scenery of their faces. I very much en-joyed all this Murdochian plotweaving. Readers who fail to follow-or indeed believe my summation may watch the repear of this first episode on Thursday at 7.55 pm and see for



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themselves.

character. An article in the January issue, on sale 40p

HISTORY TODAY



rid Lloyd vainly attempts to catch Redpath off a ball bowled by Willis.

England at last hit a purple patch

cker Correspondent lbourne, Dec 29 ingland came back from the ad here yesterday, for the time ag at any rate. With only ir bowlers—Bendrick is out of fon with a pulled hamstring—by dismissed Australia in the rd Test match for 241. When a light spared England from ving to negotiate a difficult last minutes they were two runs

minutes they were two runs ead with all their second innings ckets standing.

Heartening as it was, it was also frustrating day for England, its was because of the pitch, tose uneven bounce would have

on Thursday last: as an attack in these conditions they are more ormidable by far than Willis, rely, Underwood and Titmus. But to take the good things 7st. In spite of heavy overaight in, which it was known would dir. which it was known would ave left some early moisture nder the covers for England's outers to exploit, no one can essibly have expected Australia. I lose five whether yesterday noming for 63 runs and all 10 I their wielter, in only five hours' lay. Will's steried in hy having wally Edwards cangot in his first were and Green Changold in his and Grea Channell in his econd. Eduards's was a paor troke. Chappein's a sharply lifting all. Wally Eduards, by the way, ias been dropped from the Asyra-lan side for the fourth Test moth tarting in Sydrer rest Saturday, a favour of McColler, of New youth Wales, thus of the Chan-bells or Ross Edwards r. likely o open the inning, with Beamaille.

a fighting innings against the West

Indies at Eden Gardens here today.

At the close of the third day, with

the rest day to come tomorrow.

India were 206 for six in their second innings—a lead of 199—and an exciting finish was in prospect as the West Indies pressed to go 3—0 up in the series.

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After a watchful 61 from Engineer, the Indian innings was curried by Viswanath, who was istill batting at the close having made an immaculate 75 in 261 minutes with 12 fours. If they can stretch their lead past the 270 mark, India would have a reasonable chance of winning attempth

able chance of winning although the pitch has little in it for the bowlers. But in the first innings West Indies managed only 240 for

a lead of seven and so cannot be particularly confident of a big

Viswanath's copybook innings climaxed a day of changing for-tunes that saw India comfortably

placed at 120 for two and then collapse to 152 for five as the West

bis great credit his figures compare not unfavourably with Thomson's. In 100.1 overs the terrible Thomson has taken 20 wickets for 315 runs; one wicket, that is, in every five overs he has bowled, at an average of 15.7. Willis's average is 13.6, his siriking rate a wicket in every six overs he has bowled. Willis has done it, too, without Lillee to help him, and with a thigh strapped up because of a slightly strained muscle.

This, then, was England's best day of the series. For it to be followed by another as good tomorrow, either the pitch will have to quieten down or England will have to quieten down or England will have to quieten down or England will have to quieten the same resourcefulness with the bat as they did in the field.

England have had five innings in this series. Each time they have been bowled out in less than a day, or not much more. If that happens again now they will probably lose, If they can leave Australia something between 250 and

or a signify strained muscle.

This is a splendid effort by Willis. He is not as fast as Thomson, by a yard or two, or as strong, by half a torso, but he gives all he has got and no one can ask more than that. If Willis could have had a henchman yesterday, bowling at the same sort of speed, Australia might have been in worse trouble than they d he been fit, than to Underod. There is a mottled appearce to it, created by jigsaw
tches of brown and green, When
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cs, when it hits a brown one it
as liable to keep low. While
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alker are going to be as awkward
out Thursday. Bould not bowling partime and Old not bowling partime Snow had been not in the
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alker are going to be as awkward
out Thursday. Facilities and attack

As it was, though, Greig did a deficantly good job at his faster pace and on a pitch unsuited to him Titmus bowled beautifully. As him Thimus bowled beautifully. As an exhibition of flight and guile and patience. Thimus ranks very high. He had Ross Edwards (115 in his last Test innings) caught at siip for two off the away-floater, and he got Marsh later on, with the help of an acrobatic catch by Knott. If the umpire Boiloche were not blind to the fact that bassner can be leg-before on the swept Thimus would probably have red Mallett as well. But, that did not matter. After Marsh and Walker had added 64 and threatened to give Australia a telling lead, the last three wickers, one of them Mallett's, fell for only for runs.

All of which has come as a oper to England and a surprise to the Apprehen public. Not to the Austrelian team however, who do Willie's analysis pesterday was live for 61 in 21.7 overs, bringing if they have been cutting a sorry lis beg for the series to 14. To figure against Thomson and Lillee.

Calcutta, Dec 29.—Engineer and fours, underlined the class that Visuanath kept Indie's hopes of his made him a permanent fixwinning the third Test alice with ture in the Indian team.

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He and Engineer put on 72 for

the third whichet before Engineer gave a simple catch to Lloyd at cover off Willett. Through the morning, Engineer had played an unusually restrained innings and

there was a hint of frustration about the stroke that caused his downfall. His 61, with four bound-

After lunch, Pataudi plodded to

cight before driving a ball from Willest straight into the bands of

Gaelwad, who started confid-early, knocked a simple catch to Greenidge at midwicket to give off-spinner Lance Gibbs his first

wicket and then Madan Lal, who hit a lusty 48 runs in the first innings, fell. Viswanath and Ghavri stayed together until the close, seeing the 200 up in 319 minutes off 93 overs.

Holder and Roberts bowled well with the second new ball against the seventh-wicket pair and there

were some dangerous moments for Ghavri. Lloyd also brought on the spinners in an attempt to dislodge

cries, was made in 195 minutes.

Holder at mid-off.

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England have had five innings in this series. Each time they have been bowled out in less than a day, or not much more. If that happens again now they will probably lose. If they can leave Australla something between 250 and 300 on Tuesday, by when the ball should be turning more than it is yet, England could even win. It is not going to be easy. A scorching hot sun tomorrow would heip.

I shall watch with fear and trepidation, but always with hope. A little shaken by what happened yesterday, Ian Chappell may be expected to order a lot of bumpers. In a plea to give up this idea that brute force is what makes a fast howler, Bill O'Reilly wrote yesterday that he had had a "gutful" of short bowling. So have I. But it will not end now: not on this pitch, or while England have a chance to win the match and the

chance to win the match and the umpires are as lenient as Messrs Bailache and Brooks.



Total
To bat: 'M. H. Denness. M. C. Cowdrey. J. H. Edrich. A. W. Grein, A. P. E. Knett, F. J. Titmus, D. L. Underwood, R. D. G. Willis, M. J. Hendrick. Viswanath keeps India's hopes alive

S. Nair. c Fredericks. b Roberts. M. Engineer, c Lloyd, b Willett Sharma, run out R. Viswanath, not out ... A. K. Pataudi, c Holder, b Willett

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Total (6 wkts)

L. A. S. Prasanna. B. S. Bedi, B. S. standrasekhar to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS 1—19, 2—46, —120, 4—138, 5—150, 6—192.

BOWLING (to date: Roberts, 21— 3-30-2: Julien, 14-8-21-0: Hol-der, 17-4-10: Gibbs, 24-15-11-1: Fredericks, 1—0-1-0: Willien,

WEST INDIES: First Innings C. Fredericks, c Viswanath, b adan Lat G. Greenidge, c Bedi, b Madan

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Extras /b 6. lb 11, nb 41 ...

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Tennis

Connors much of a

Melbourne, Dec 29.—Connors and Newcombe today moved as step closer towards the final of the \$70,000 (£28,000) Australian open at Kooyong in Melbourne. Comors reached the quarter-final round after beating Reid, from South Carolina, 6—2, 6—3, 5—7, 6—0. Reid is the only player so far in the tournament to have taken a set from Connors.

Connors said after the game that he had played good termis but had tried to hurry too much in the third set. "I think I tried to rush too much. I thought it wouldn't matter and that all I'd have to do was hit the ball and go in. I made a few mistakes and gare him some confidence and didn't take much time serving." Connors thought he needed someone to play well against him to bring out his best shots. Reid described his match as "really tough" and said he had to serve above himself to even stay in the match.

The second seed, Newcombe, of the small for will be carging and live will be carging and live will be carging and small for will be carging and live will be carging and liv

match.
The second seed, Newcombe, of Australia, who is eager to play Connors' today disposed of Carmichael in straight sets, 7–6, 6–3, 6–2. Newcombe said he thought he had played better today but was still not one hundred per cent happy. Tomorrow he meets Masters and Connors meets Warwick. meets Warwick.

meets Warwick.

Roche von his match arainst Peter McNamara, a local player, in four sets 6—7, 7—3, 6—2. However Roche's prospects are under a shadow as he revealed he had strained a stomach muscle in a previous match against Dibley. "I didn't let fly today because I don't how it would stand up to hard serving," Roche said. Roche is having physiotherapy and heat and ice treatment and expects to be fit for tomorrow's quarterfinal against Metreveli. Matreveli made the quarter-finals after a 6—4, 6—7, 7—6, 6—4 win over the Victorian hardcourt champion, Letcher. Letcher.

Margaret Court and Evonne Goologong cruised into the quarter-finals with effordess straight set wins today. Other third round winners were Czechoslovakia's Martina Navratilova and Russia's Natasha Chmyreva and Olga Morozova.

Specialist for Lewis

Melbourne, Dec 29.—Richard Lewis, one of a team of five young British tenuis players tour-ing Australia, is to be sent home on Monday. He has been suffering from a stomach virus. Lewis is to see a specialist in Britain.—UPI.

Davis cup team

Melbourne, Dec 29.—The Australian tennis selectors tonight announced a four-man team to play Japan in the Davis Cup semifinal in Adelaide, on January 10, 11 and 12. They are J. Newcombe, J. Alexander, P. Dent and R. Case. Agence France Presse.

Cup for Smith

Paris, Dec 29.—Jonathan Smith, of Britain, won the Bivort Cup, an nnder-21 indoor event, here today when he beat Jiminez, of Spain, 7—5, 6—2, 7—6.—Agence France Presse.

Spectator's hooter sounds Hampshire death knell

Indian fast bowlers bowled their the pair who had stayed together hearts out. Some of Viswanath's for 41 minutes. They bowled three strokes, especially the square-cuts overs before bad light stopped play that brought him many of his five minutes before close.

By Sydney Friskin

Hampshire 0 It would be almost correct to say that the scoreline at Bromley vesterday should have read Svehlik 1, Hampshire 0. Not only did he 1, Hampshire 0. Not only did he score the goal that won the southern title for Kent in the county hockey championship, but he also seemed to have taken on the whole Hampshire side himself. To say this is not to detract from the merit of the whole Kent side, who won the final for the third time. Their previous successes were achieved in the 1963-64 and 1964-65 seesons and on both occasions seasons, and on both occasions they went on to win the national Hampshire left the field sad-

dened by their failure to win a title they had not won before. With their brilliant record this season they were fancied to win, but it was bard to believe that this was the side that had beaten Surrey 3—0. Their defence could rarely be faulted, but there was not enough skill and flair in their not enough skill and flair in their four man attack. There were indications in the

first few minutes that this was likely to be a patchy sort of game. After eight colourless minutes Ken: earned a short corner for obstruction, an award preceded by the exesplication screece of a hooter set into action on the sideline by an overzealous spectator. Whatever it was intended to do, it sounded the death knell for Hampshire, for Sveillik drove a perfect shot along the ground into

Hampshire, shaken by this sethampsuire, snaken by this serback, were soon under pressure again and their desperate tackling led to another short corner for Kent. This time Svahlik's shot was deflected and from the long corner that followed Boyle, who kent goal extremely well for Hampshire, made a smart save. Not mill the 23rd mierte did tiemp-shire can their first short corner from which Muller's short was well sailed on the line by Mills.

As the first half drew to its close Hampshire, realizing that they were not getting anywhere, reorganized their team. Tracey was removed from the forward line and Hicks took up a position in the back division, leaving Purdy and Expired to control in the

and Freitag to operate in the middle, with Lali pushed up But although the change did bring about some improvement in Hampshire's approach they were Hampsmre's approach they were in trouble again almost immediately after the interval. A long pass through the middle by Svehlik found Johnson out on his own and only the timely excursion of Boyle prevented what looked like a certain goal.

Hampshire's best moments to the second half began with an attack, on the right from which Freitag tried an angular shot somewhat hopefully. Port saved without much difficulty, but at the other end Boyle was summoned again, this time by Arnold, to the top of the circle to smother a

The most exciting moment in this half arrived shortly before the end when Hampshire were awarded a short corner. It was taken well enough but Port saved Muller's rising shot with his stick and Hampshire had lost their last chance of saving the match. So keet moved into the quarter-final round of the championship round of the championship proper in which they will meet the services champions, the Royal Air Force, on January 19.

KENT: S. Port (Ecchennam); P. J. I. Stelik (Ecchennam), B. Ajlis (Ecchennam), S. Couves (Blackbeath), M. West (Harbridge Wells), W. Greenleas (Beckenham), G. Stennie (Blackbeath); J. M. Westwood (Ecchenham); I. McIniosh (Beckenham), P. Arnold (Beckenham), P. Arnold (Beckenham), P. J. Staynor (Huse Rill), G. L. Johnson (Bronley). (Tuise Rill., G. L. Johnson (Broming),
RAMPSHIRE: D. Beyle (Trolans):
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Domoge (Toddington), A. Muller (Trolans),
R. M. Purdy (Trolans), C.
Highs (Teddington), R. Lall (Havant),
S. S. (Trolans), P. Whilby (West
Hanley, G. Trachy (Old Tountonians),
Sult: G. Lucas (Trolans), A. G. Maye
Troddington). Umures: W. J. Colwill, A. M. S. Wode (Southern counties).

Principal sponsors to cut their budget by half

Alfred Dunhill Ltd, the principal sponsors of yachring in Britain for the past few years, have announced that their activities will be drastically reduced next season. A spokesman for the firm said that Dunhills, in common with spon-sors in other sports, have had to reduce their costs and that their yachting budget has therefore been cut by about half.

The best known event with which. Dunhills have been associated is:
Cowes Week, which next year will
include the Admiral's Cup series.
However, unlike possibly some
other sports, yachting itself will
not suffer unduly from the withdrawal of a sponsor. The racing at drawal of a sponsor. The racing at Cowes and other centres will continue to be organized by the local

worry much about the results of their races, and it is not so long ago that they were sometimes not worked out until the following

The overseas competitors in the Admiral's Cup, however, are of a different generation and they will expect to know how they fared in the races (all of them on handicap) within a few hours of the finish. There is still time, of course, for another sponsor to come to the rescue and for the sake of the hardworking, largely unpaid regata officials I hope this happens.

Cowes is unique, in having a multiplicity of powerful clubs, able to share the load in organizing a regatta for several hundred boats. Other yuchting centres are not so fortunate and Dunhills will continue to support some of the events. clubs, who have always insisted on controlling the day-to-day events.

Dunhills will be unissed most by the press and others who came to rely on them for the provision of a boat to watch the races and the gathering of results after they were telegased from the clubs. Curiously, few of the compeniors seem to support some of the events with which they have been nost closely associated. Weymouth Olympic week will be unaffected, as will the RYA national team race about the Firehall class at Hayling Island and for the 470 class at released from the clubs. Curiously, few of the compeniors seem to support some of the events with which they have been nost closely associated. Weymouth Olympic week will be unaffected, as will the RYA national team race series. The European champion-ships for the Firehall class at Hayling and the compeniors seem to support some of the events. released from the clais. Curiously. Stokes Bay will also receive the few of the competitors seem to support they have been promised.

Ondine takes line honours in Sydney-Hobart race

The aluminium-hulled yacht. The aluminium-hulled yacht, skippered and owned by Mr Huey Long, covered the 630-aautical-mile course in three days, 13 hours, 51 minutes and 56 seconds.

Light winds kept Ondine's time more than 12 hours outside the race record, ser last year by the 72-foot Sydney sloop, Helsal. Second across the line is expec-ted to be the 73-foot Sydney sloop

Hobart, Dec 30.—The 79-foot American ketch Oudine III took line honours early today in the Sydney to Hobart yacht race.

Ballyhoo, which was last reported about 25 miles behind Ondine.

Following Ballyhoo are the 53-foot Bumblebee and 10 miles far-Following Ballyhoo are the 53-oot Bumblebee and 10 miles farfoot Bumblebee and 10 miles far-ther back Helsal, Buccaneer, Apollo III, Love and War, Fantasy Rags and Morcedes IV.

The handicap leader is the 34foot Joubert sloop Gamblossom,
but Ondine is running second on
handicap as well as leading the
race for line honours.—Agencies. BRISBANE: World Contender championships: Third heat: 1. P. Hollis (Australia) Bon Vivante: 2. D. Pitman (GB) Grenadier. Football

Comfort in a wooden spoon race

By Norman Fox

On a day of ill winds, it was and fourth division clebs could the ailing who benefited most on Saturday when Luton Town completed their third win of Christmans by beating Wolverhamyton mas by beating Wolverhamyton wanderers 3—2 at Kenilworth Road. In any normal season, to be five points behind the nearest "safe" club at the start of the "first Division clubs" character that New Year, would be almost a the "one off " nature of cup ites"

Everton and Middlesbrough over each other, two, West Ham making an excruciating force of the race for the tide of Goodien less 2—1: the more significant result being at Maine Road where edcounged Altrincham, and Wycombe Wanderers, respectively.

Diribless these smallest of the shall good outsiders for the chamshall fry will be caught and proposition. Curiously, the winning Even the referee could

Only one person on the lieu at Goodison Perk on Saturday had

the remotest feeling for entertain-

the remotest feeling for externitures; and he, being the referenced do little to improve a tingid draw that kept Andelesbrough as joint leaders of the First Division and Everton one point behind. For some C, the Middlesbrough players to blame Mr Kirkpatrick for disallouing a good only showed that they were totally unaware of the discerdicathey, together with Everton, had done to the game.

This couldry extravery referee

This studies, extrovert referes who looks as if he has a Christmes feast every day and might offer cigars to the opposing capmins, was quickly christened "Kojak" by the croud, He has been known as hold the specification may be the

to hold the spotient on previous occasions though not often at markes billed as one of the day main attractions. But the billing

main attractions. But the billing was inacturate, the cast largely inept, the atmosphere suiler, and the conclusion an indictment of the First Division. In fact, Everton and Middlesbrough should be grateful that Merseyside crowds are patient and optimistic beyond the norm. Even Mr Kirkpatrick finally lost his patiente and on benefit of us all, threatened Middlesbrough for time-wasting. Earlier there were embarrassing moments when the ground was so quiet that the only noise was the

moments when the ground was so quiet that the only noise was the whistling wind and the referee's shouts of "go on, go or"; a sentiment widely endorsed. Repet-tion of this game would have the championship won in monastic silence

By Norman Fest

That last Liverpool one point be-hind them both, but with the games in hand.

Of the other 13 teams falling

inejegantiy.

A minute after the interval are stored. Clements had spent some time attempting to explicit Middlesbrough's vainerability to the solidly driven ball across the goalmouth and eventually Latchford headed in one of the centres, although Maddren made it easier by failing to move to the ball quickly enough. However, Maddren feit guitty enough to score the equalizer 10 minutes later with a good shot after Synamon and Mills had done the building work.

Middlesbrough's appeals against

Middleshenger wanted to keep toeir newly-gained position at the top with the least possible risk. Everton were not unambilious for a short time in each half, but were incapable of maintaining a high standard of control and welcomed the pro-spect of a draw with unhealthy

not save this match entitudes in the balancing of power, in the disorder of mildfield. Even a season is one allowing for the unpleasant conditions, it would need to lumble favourite, discarder and the basic of subject of the way for supposed.

Middiesbrough's appeals against having what seemed to be a good winning goal may well have been legitimate, but to have taken a clear lead in the champiouship on a day when the terraces began to empty when the game was far from you or over would not have been justified. Foggon handled the ball as he began the attack. The referee missed it. Foggon west on and pulled the ball back for Mills to snoon. Lyons blocked for Mills to snoot. Lyons blocked and the ball went straight back to



Luton's Futcher twins, Paul (left) and Ron.

vere scored by former colleagues his second game, Ron Furcher—of the victims. Hurst for Stoke for the first and last time I will against West Ham, and Lee for succumb to the irresistible pun that Derby.

The remarkable revival of Luton is combined with a perfect story-book theme. All three of their goals in an exciting 3—2 win were scored by a teenager, playing only

sectumb to the irresisable pull that Luton have a further. The beauty of the story is that Ron was bought from Chester for only \$20,000 a few weeks after Luton had purchased by a teenager, playing only

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An old favourite finds a new lease of life

of the season, so they should be empires in the balancing of power. Institution in the balancing of power institution in the disorder of middled. Even allowing for the unpleasant conditions, I would need to lumble cury late the book of all-time bad matches to recall seeing so many make errors of skill perpetrated by trains seriously nominated as presented champions.

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record with 33 goals.

Lee, so the story goes, had scarcely stepped outside all week except to train, so keen was he to tweak Manchester's nose. He did more: he blooded it by setting up Derby's first goal and then winning the match with a touch of vintage Lee, a lightning dash inside from the wing and a stor of thunderbolt proportions. How City could have done with such a marksman to reward their almost a marksman to reward their almost incessant attacks.

incessant attacks.

Manchester were by no means the limp assembly of individuals so overwhelmed by Liverpool on Boxing Day and such a ready cockshy whenever they play away. They worked hard, though not often enough with the element of surprise and inventiveness the situation demanded and Derby, once they had scored, unashamedly scurried to the barricades, some-

and the ball went straight back to Foggon who returned it to the net. If the referee's offside decision was a blunder, it was appropriate on an afternoon when most of the excitement was derived from someone's mistakes.

TVESTON: D. Davies: II. Bernard. I. Marsh and Tweart moved all across the line trying to detect a chink of light; Bell and Hartford were just as industrious immediately behind them. But with Derby spreading themselves thickly and Royle obviously still in the process of adjustment Manchester were like men painting the Forth Bridge; they had precious liftle to show for their efforts at the cond of the day. A shot by Tucart

across the face of the goal, a header by Doyle brilliantly touched aside by Boulton's sideways leap and a second half shor by Bell which did not have full power were about the sum total of it—the goal apart, of course.

If Derby possessed weapons of acgression other than Lee, they were not in haste to produce them; in any event. Manchester were pouncing quickly and effectively. In a side which kept the ball tight, Gemmill and Rioch were impressively active stemming the tide, but it was quite a surprise when it turned their way after 21 minutes. Lee, who had run alpead of the ball, doubled in his tracks to nudge the ball away from an opponent to Newton, who promptly hit a fine rising shot past Corrigan.

Thus things streed until just after the hour when Hartford and

Thus things stayed until Just after the hour when Harrford and Marsh, with measured calculation, Marsh, with measured calculation, cut a diagonal pass through Derby's ranks from left to right and Bell running in wide and free on the right, shot a fine equalizer. Now, one sensed, the floodgates would be flung wide but Lee instantly and magnificently admonished such naivery.

Taking a pass from Nish out on the left, he turned and cut in to goal, three men trailing in his

the left, he turned and cut in to goal, three men trailing in his supstream, and from 30 yards disparched a shot into the far top corner with the speed and accuracy of a missile equipped with a homing device. Lee's undisquised elation announced, without the need for words, that his week of self demial had been amply rewarded. Manchester, for all their subsequent pressure. could not erase the grin.

MANCHESTER CITY: J. Carriagn G. Hannsond, W. Donachie, G. Bell, M. Oakes, M. Horswell, J. Ruyer, J. Marsh. A. Hartlord, D. Theoret.

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DERBY COUNTY: C. Boulten: R.
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Creeping despondency

Reasonably.

After their 3-8 defeat ov Oneen's Park Rangers at Stamford Bridge on Saturday Chelses supporters must be viewing the re-mainder of the season with some despondency for with Luton Town, the bottom club seemingly bent on a miraculous revival, the team's position in the first division could become increasingly insecure.

It is important, in these circum It is important, in these circumstances, that the defeat should not affect the team's morale. After their rocent successes.— seven points from their last four games—Chelsea were expected to confirm that they had turned the corner at last. They tried hard, perhaps too hard, to convince the 39,000 crowd of it, but in the end, were crushed by three second half goals, and had the dispiriting experience of seeing their old manager David Sexton welk away manager David Sexton walk away

in triumph.

The first half suggested that the game would qualify for the worst in the first division this season. It was full of fouls, name takings, squabbles and fights, and ended with the referee roundly booed by the spectators. Yet Chelsea could claim that they had supplied what attacking football there had been, for Parkes had made several fine saves.

First division

Second division

Fulham Bolton Wand Nottingham F Bristol Rovers Orient

The grim pattern of the first half was being repeated in the second when suddenly Francis tried what the old reporters used Weekend results and tables

owles, D. Givens. Referee: R. Matthewson (Boiton)-

to call " a speculative long range shot". The wind carried it high into the net and Rangers, aston-ishingly, were one goal up. The goal transformed Rangers, who had shown far less relish for goal scoring than Chelsea, though Bowles, 2s always, had produced one or two brilliant touches. It was Bowles who started the move that gave Rangers their second goal cleverly finding Beck, who sent Givens through to shoot

past Phillips. Givens also got the third goal with another fine shot to complete a highly satisfactory day for him. day for him.

By this time Rangers had become so confident that they tried to add to Chelsea's humiliation by

to and to Cheisea's humiliation by keeping possession, stringing to gether a number of inconsequential passes and adding a few unnecessary frills. Yet Chelsea had still plenty of fight left in them, Cooke and Houseman both being unlucky not to score.

The worst piace of luck on a generally unlucky day for Chelsea was the departure of Hutchinson 10 migutes from half time suffer. 10 minutes from half time suffer-ing from the recurrence of a back injury. He expects to be fit for Saturday's FA Cup tie, however. CHELSEA: J. Phillips: G. Locke. R. Harris. J. Hollins, M. Dray. D. Hay. S. Kennber, R. Willins, C. Garland. C. Erichinson (adb. P. Houssman). C. Cooke. OUEEN'S PARK RANGERS:
Parkes; D. Clement, I. Gillard.
Masson, F. McLintock, D. Webb.
Thomas, G. Francis, J. Bock.
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Better to bet on losers By Norman de Mesquita There was only one thing wrong

There was only one thing wrong with Saturday's entertaining game at the Victoria Ground: the result. West Ham United with four regulars missing and with Alan Taylor having to leave the field with a knee injury after 20 minutes, looked by far the better side until a fortuitous penalty 20 minutes from the end gave Stoke an equalizer they scarcely deserved and the heart to go after a 2-1 win they deserved even less. a 2-1 win they deserved even less. According to the referee, the penalty was for a push on Smith, but it was the sort of situation that occurs in a crowded penalty area, perhaps a dozen times in the

perhaps a dozen times in the course of every game and, to be consistent, Mr Richardson should have awarded several penalties.

This stroke of luck was just what Stoke needed. With three successive defeats behind them, they had looked tense and their supporters had not helped them by suggesting that they were playing rubbish. But it took them only another five minutes to take the lead and there was an element of another five minutes to take the lead and there was an element of luck about this goal, too. A fierce shot by Mahoney was brilliantly touched on to the crossbar by Day, but the ball fell nicely for Hurst, who only had to nod it in.

Day made two even better saves in the space of one minute in the first half; one a long shot by Hudson and the other by Hurst from only 10 yards. But not even these matched Shilton's reflex save when Could volleged from only two

Gould volleyed from only two

yards and particularly when he tipped over a 20rd free kick by Lampard which found a 32p in the Stoke defensive wall and which should have given West Ham at least one point. Not even Shilton, though, could save Holland's header, which gave West Ham the lead carly in the second half and which crowned a good move involving McDowell and Ayris and which was started by Holland himself. Holland, in fact, was West Ham's man of the match and, although not having the drive and aggression of Bonds, he made many elegant and telling

A conclusion to be drawn from the game is that West Ham still look a better bet for the championlook a better bet for the champion-ship than Stoke City. They proved on Saturday that they have strength in depth and with Bonds, Brooking, Jennings and Robson back will surely soon em-bark on another winning run. Stoke's defence looked slack and they really must encourage Hudson to try to make more of a mark on the proceedings. He con-tributed many deft touches, but tributed many uest touches, but most of them in his own half, and his maximum effectiveness must most of them in his own half, and his maximum effectiveness must be at the other end of the park.

STOKE CITY: P. Shilton: J. Marso, M. Polic, J. Mahoney. D. Smith, A. Dodd. T. Godrov. Greenhoff. G. Hurst, A. Hudson, G. Sammas, West MAJ INFIED: A. Day: K. Colon, F. Lamasad, P. Holand. 1. Taylor, K. Loci. A. Taylor, C. Fadion. B. Gloud, J. McDowell. G. Best. Sub. J. Agrit.

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Carr (left) showed his power on the wing and Dixon his well-being

An honest and rugged occasion haunted by two mysteries

Rugby Correspondent

There were two mysteries at Franklin's Gardens on Saturday when Gosforth bear Northampton in the first round of the knockout competition by a penalty goal and a try (7 pts) to a try (4). Northampton, by offering their opponents first use of a half-gale, lost no time in posing one of them. And later—"curiouser and curiouser", cried Alice—Gosforth declined twice in the third quarter to take a penalty kick at goal from almost the shortest range. There were two mysteries at from almost the shortest range. I dare say even the visitors must have wondered, as they turned to face the clements, whether seven points would be surficient credit in the Geordie bank. But first Young, the scrum-hadf, and then Newton, an active Prop. were all but over as their nack put Northampton's line under siege, and twice Gosforth preferred siege, and twice Gusforth preferred to set up another forward phalanx from a tapped penalty when three more points night well have scaled the result. They then had a third chance from farther out, on the 25, whereupon Young missed a kick at goal with somelhing to spare and, slipping on the tacky going, fell flat on his backside in the process.

A reprised Northampton

A reprieved Northampton stormed back to produce a cilif-hauger of a climax. There were 12 minutes left when Wright, at stand-off half, produced the finest move of an honest and rugged executive that did both sides credit in such difficult conditions. From a scrummage, he first worked a polished dummy scissors with Morgan and then, after first clear break of the game. another dummled pass, set up the side. Allen timed the last scorright pass to a nicety and filely maded accounted, detected the for-

charged Northampton batteries charged Northampton batteries with a rousing try.
Gosforth still had some queasy moments to endure. Patrick marred an otherwise bold performance by twice, in the last few minutes, failing to clear to safety. In a promising situation Allen Enoched on a new few Business after Marthameter. ing situation Allen Enocked on a pass from Page after Northampton, rightly on this occasion, had spurned a kick at goal. Even if successful, it would have left the home side as losers, with the scores level in all respects.

Northampton, however, will not birk about the justice of it all. Gosforth may look plain in midfield but they have a redoubtable back, strong at close quarters and

Gosforth may look plain in midfield but they have a redoubtable
back, strong at close quarters and
weil-organized in the loose, with
Young snapping away creatively at
their heels. A count of 6-ro-1
against the head for their Scottish international hooker. Madsen,
was the measure of their control
in the tight.

The captain and flanker, Robinson, belied reports of recent
poor form, Dixon supplied Eugland selectors with velcome evidence of his well-being, and the
young No 8, Preston, provided
some good constructive touches.
Though he switched at the eleventh hour to his England position
at lock, the ball-playing ability of
Uttley could not be masked.

With a little more luck—or
better finishing—the pressure Gosforth mounted down the wind in
the first half might have been
translated into obvious winning
proportions, regardless of those
penalties later declined. They
have two powerful customers on
the wings in Carr and Gustard,
and it was Gustard, intruding from
the blind side, who brought off the
first clear break of the game.
But the referee, Mr Head-Rapson,

Gosforth got their try when Shaw, an industrious and sturdy lock, made a good two-handed catch at the front of the lineout and Madsen took his chance well. They might have got another when Newton, Shaw and Dixon all handled before Rubinson knocked on the last pass on the last pass.

Young stretched the lead with a Young stretched the lead with a penalty goal from over 40 yards after Lutter had been lifted at a lineout. A further chance went sailing down the wind when Robinson and Griffin set up Gustard, whose strength broke a couple of tackles, but, as the ball was spun from the ruck. Biggs gave a poor pass to Patrick surging up from the rear.

Let me finish with honourable mentions for two of Northampton's ranks. Page, into or with the wind, kicked with characteristic skill, and Arneil, tireless and ubiquitons on a flank, may have been on the day, and the way the dice were loaded against him, the outstanding forward on the field.

NORTHAMPTON: I. K. George: K. Parker, C. D. Morgan, K. L. Allen, R. J. V. Oldham: I. D. Wright (capit, J. J. Page: V. Cannon, P. R. Sweet, J. J. Page: V. Cannon, P. R. Sweet, J. L. Allen, C. Wright, R. J. Arnell, D. L. Powell, R. J. Vincent, S. Wolson, C. Sosforth: B. Pairick: D. N. Carr, R. Biggs, M. Griffin, J. S. Gustard: H. Diche, M. Stoung: A. Preston, P. J. Robinson (capit, A. Newton, D. F. Madsen, C. White, Referee: B. Head-Rapson (Notis Let me finish with honourable

Second round draw

The draw for the second round of the knockout competition will of the knockout competition will be made in London this evening, when the following 16 clubs go into the bat: Bath, Bristol, Gloucester, Blackbeath, London Irish, London Scottish, Richmond, Rosslyn Park, Bedford, Coventry, Moseley, Sale, Liverpool, Gos-forth, Morley and Morpeth.

... An ill wind that blew nobody any good

Richmond managed to score two penalty goals and a try (10 points) to Streatham's one penalty goal (3), but they played well below the form of which, from their results this season, we know they are capable. Indeed, the rorwards were so lettargic in their mauling and rucking that their supporters in the stand could only put their performance down to the lingering effects of too much Christmas pudding. As the Navy's bearded Metrick seemed at times to be doing their work single-handed, the

the game.

It was surprising not to see more use made of the garryowen by the team with the wind behind them. Streatham, who had the advantage first, had managed only a penalty goal from Crisp by the interval. When it was Richmond's turn, we expected an improvement. It did not come. Indeed, it was Streatham, with an improvised hooker in Witt, his long hair sweeping the tunnel like a mop, who kept most of the pussession.

Whibley levelled the score with

By Michael Hardy

Although Richmond gained the honour of going through to the second round of the club knockout competition by beating Streatham-Croydon on Saturday, the only real winner at Thornton Heath was the wind. Blowing diagonally across the ground, at near gale force, it set out to spoil any chance of coherent play, to make the line-outs conform more to the Rugby League idea of using the scrummage to get play restarted after the ball had gone into touch, and to make the players bad tempered. It succeeded admirably.

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when John was blatantly offsice in a ruck.

SINEATHAM-CROYDON: R. Crisp.
C. Mitchelmore, S. Fluskey, J. Lelly,
J. Suinherland: A. Hughes, B. Barlow,
A. Montgoiners, W. Witt, P. Thomas,
R. Towers, B. Williamson, K. Spring,
F. Levin, M. John, P. Whibley: P. S.
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Michael, D. D. D. J. P. A. G.
J. O'Lanlow, E. D. Adam, J. Bond,
T. O'Lanlow, C. W. Rajston, M., Riddey,
L. C. P. Merrick, C. N. Blythe-Wood,
P. M. Hearn,
Referre: D. E. Coombs (London).

Lampkowski looks exciting prospect

By Tom Cooban
Beadingley 24

Leicester 3

Headingley's ground at Kirkstall was in the eye of the storm on Saturday, but they still played adventurously and beat Leicester by a goal, two penalty goals and three tries (24 points) to a penalty goals and three tries (24 points) to a penalty goal (three points). A hard game against the Barbarians the previous day had left Leicester with some against the Barbarians the previous day had left Leicester with some and thing of a hangover.

The gale threatened a cancellation of the match. Roof panels loosened by the wind caused the main grandstand to be declared a flaster area, and the crash of the spectators took to the smaller stand, which happily stood the strain.

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Rugby League

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St Helens take

St Helens stretched their lead over their first division pursuers to due points with an efficient victory over last season's champions. Salford. St Helens produced

pions, Salford. St Helens produced the more aggressive rugby and kored a try in each half through Walsh and Nichols. Coslett kicked a conversion and two penalty gouls for a 14—0 success.

Halifax won their foot-of-the-table match against Dewsbury. They rebuffed Dewsbury's early threats, which produced a try and goal, and, with Thomson in brilliant form, took control. Burron contributed 10 points to the 16—8 win, with two goals and two tries.

The top three in the second

Two tries.

The top three in the second division all won. Breaks by Huddersfield's stand-off, Knight, set no their 28—7 win at Batley. Oldham took an bour to gain command against Huyton, but won comfortably 22—12. Swinton completed a double over New Hutslet, winter 16—4.

FIRST DIVISION: York 21, Brandey

Yesterday

(IRST DIVISION: Hallian 15, Down-bury B: Sallard U. St Helens 14,
SECOND DIVISION: Battey 7, Hudenstell 12: Blackgood Borough 10,
Dencaster 7: Huston 12, Oldham 121,
Leigh B, Barrow 20; New Hunslet 4,
Sunton 16.

SECUL. WBA bantamweight little bout: Mong Soo-Hwon (Korcu) retained tille by beating Fernando Cabancia (Philippines) on points.

For the record

Rugby League

Squash rackets

Yesterday

Boxing

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Squash rackets

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Tennis

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Spain C. Molaysin U (in Torrasu).
LONDON LEAGUE: Guildford 1. Hounslow 0: Mayes 1. Surbiton 2: Reading 0. Southgate 7: Teddington 1. Stoogh 2. WEST Weston-super-March: Devon 2. Willishire 0: Glouce-tershire 5. Samersot 0: Cornwall 1. Herefordshire 0: Dorset 1, West Juniors 0: Dorset 2. Herefordshire 2: Gloudoslarshire 1. Wilghire 0: Devon 1. Cornwall 0: Somersot 2, West Juniors 3. Signal 2. CLUB MATCHES: Aylesbury 4. Healoy 2: Blucharts 1. Harlow 2: Gore Court 2, Brentwood 0: Purley 0. Chesm SOUTHERN COUNTIES WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT (at Worthing); Hamp-shire O. Surrey 1: Backinghamahire 8.

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1, Middleser 2nd O; Buckinghamshire
2nd 1, Susser 1nd 1; Surrey 3nd 3,
Idampshire 2nd O; Susser 5. ULU 0;
Surrey O, Civil Service O; Susser 1,
Serkshire O; Middlesex 2. Buckinghamshire 1; Hampshire 3, Oxfordshire 1;
ULU 1, Chelske CPE O; Berks 2nd 0,
Susser 2nd 0; Survey 2nd 2, Backinghamblire 2nd 0; Hampshire 2nd 2,
Middlesex ind 1.

WEST (Weston-super-Mare): Devon-

Time to rethink Cheltenham ideas

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent
The last week of 1974 has certainly made as all sit up and think again. Those who thought that the Piper Champagne Gold Cup and the Champion Hurdle would be won by Pendil and Lanzarote at Chelteubam in March must be having second thoughts and there was quite a reaction at Newbury on Saturday when Hills and Ladbrokes came out with their revised prices as a result of the happenings at Kempton Park on Boxing Day and at Leopardstown 24 hours later.

The most popular bet was to A heavy of England rugby selectors, looking for additions, replacements and pointers in general for next weekend's training party at Twickenham, were present at Goldington Road, on Saturday, They left with all the polite impassiveness customary to selectors on these occasions though, like the rest of us, must have been a little disappointed.

Day and at Leopardstown 24 hours fater.

The most popular bet was to back Capitaln Christy with Hills at 9-4 to win the Cold Cup, and Comedy of Errors with Ladbroke, at 6-4 to win the Champion Hurdle. The two firms rook contrasting views. Pendil is still the tayourite for the Gold Cup in Hill's book at 2-1, in spite of his humiliating defeat at the hands of Capitaln Christy at Kemptod. Ladbrokes, on the other hand, have promoted Capitaln Christy to be their antepost favourite at 7-4, and after Boxing Day I am inclined to think that they are nearer the mark.

On the other hand, Ladbrokes are still leading towards Ladzarote for the Champion Hurdle, whereas Hill's are now firmly convinced that Comedy of Errors will win back like the rest of us, must have been a little disappointed.

The best intentioned of actions on the field mostly rended to be spoiled by a gusty wind and Ripley, for Rosslyn Park, was alone in remaining consistently true to his talents. The excitement, too, was spasmodic, like the bangs in a box of present-day Christmas crackers.

There was however a good climax, with Rosslyn Park scoring the decisive try in the third minute of injury time to win by two goals and two tries (20 prs) against a goal, two penalty goals and a try (16 pts). It brought a final success which should have been ensured much much sooner.

a final success which should have been ensured much much sooner. Bodford clearly needed more of that after-shave lotion which, according to the advertisement, drives people berserk. They were curiously lifeless at times and only occasionally summoned real posser and drive though they smothered well in defence near their line for most of the second half.

An early injury to Howard, and some reshuffling by Bedford, meant that Jorden played most of the time at centre and Weatt at

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talents By Richard Streeton

true to his

meant that Jorden played most of the time at centre and Wyatt at full back. It did not deprive Jorden of opportunities to con-firm his kicking abilities under pressure while Wyatt showed a good positional sense and has telling and thrustful speed in bis legs. Bennett, on this occasion. spent most of the time tidying up

spent most of the time tidying up in defence.
Wilkinson. so full of natural ability, did little wrong but seldom seems assertive enough whenever I warch him. Perhaps for a secondrow forward he is, in boxing terms, "too nice a guy". Mantell looked far more determined as he held his own and the Rosslyn Park forwards in fact invariably governed with a firm hand. Anderson, the New Zealander, was not far behind Ripley in work-rate while I gave up counting when the strikes against the head by Keith-Roach reached double figures.

Keith-Reach reached double figures.

Bedford followers knew the worst when wind and slope brought only a 9-4 advantage in the first half. A penalty by Jorden and a penalty try converted by Bennett was all they reaped and flabby tackling allowed McKay a try in response. The Rosslyn Purk pack quickly earned Ripley and McKay tries, both converted by Codd, in the second balf before Bedford briefly revived with a try by Towersey and a penalty goal from Bennett that made it 16-16. For ages the draw seemed certain but one final attack over 80 yards, involving Codd twice, brought Anderson the closing try.

BENFORD: A. Jorden: A. K. Towersey. S. Weils. J. Howard, D. Waynt.



match but lose shirts

The Lianelli team were ordered off the field by the referee, James Kelleher, in the home match with Bristol—but only to change their shirts because he could not recognize one team from the other in the muddy conditions. Lianelli had another impressive victory by 15—0.

15-0.
Gloucester's home record was Gloucester's home record was dented for the first time this season when Bridgend won 18—15, thanks chiefly to two poor clearance attempts by the home team. In the Stir minute Fenwick charged down White's clearance and Brain scored a try. Three minutes later Owens picked up a Jarrett kick and went over. Both tries were converted.

ITIES WERE CONVEYED.

KNOCKOUT COMPETITION: Northamplen J. Gesforth 7; Streatham/
Croydon J. Gesforth 7; Streatham/
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Croydon J. Richmond 10.

CLUB MATCHES: Abertillery 7;
Macsing 6: Barnslapio 22; Prigmton 3;
Bedford 10, Rossdya Park 30; Blackhealth 14. Northingham 10; Ruddord 23;
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Maudith 6. Resignith 12; Gioncaster 13;
Rriugend 18: Headingley 24; Lolcaster
3; Heriot's FP 21, Royal HSFP 5; Jodlores 4. Meriose 3; Langdom 13.
Hawick 14: Liverpool 13; Strenthead
Park 9; Lianedin 15; Bristo 0; Moseley
22; Birmingham 7; Noath 10, New10; Clannorkat Wanderers 10. New10; Clannorkat Wanderers 10. Remodhay 25; Harrogate 3; Rughy 19; Fylde
16; St Ives 4, Penzsince & Nowlyn 3;
Stroud 22; Si Mary's Hospila 12; Torquay Ath 27, Somerset Police 0; Tredepar 8, Pennwh 10; Waspe 28, South
Wales Police 10; Waterloo 16, New
Hrighton 9; West of Scotland 5, London
Scotlish 0; Motropollian Police 8;
Siriot 20; Sheffield 0; Hudderstield 3; Horley
10; Hud and Leas Riding 9, Hymerians
7; Northern 4, Sunderland 0; Orrell 31,
Dirham City 5; Southnort 9, Walen
24; Vale of Laue 5 Wilmslow 7; Walen
16; Westerday
Schools MATCH: Harlequins 46,
Richmond 3.

Lacrosse NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Ashton 8, Old Stopfordians 12: Mollor 4, Urnston 5: Jaban): Old Humelans 8, South Nanchoster and W 5: Old Waconisms 15, Manchoster University 9: Shoffield University 0: Health Manchoster University 15: Shoffield University 15: Sho Sandown Park in the spring.

I thought that there was much to admire about the way that David Cartwright rode Moonlight Lacapade. Throwing caution to the winds—gale force on this occasion—he dashed Moonlight Escapade past Cuckolder at the far end of the course and from that moment they never looked like being caught. Although he did thish third in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup, run over the same course and distance in November, Moonlight Escapade ran a sluggish race on that occasion. He was labouring at the back of the field for most of the way and he never really got into the hunt. Furthermore he ran an appailing race afterwards ar Nortingham where he finished last, a performance for which his connexions have been unable to provide any explanation. This time, he was construstingly sharp.

Newbury has been a lucky tourne for his parious prince.

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Newbury has been a lucky course for his young trainer. Charles Vernon Miller, who won the Hennessy there four years ago with Bighorn. Vernon Miller was not there, this time, preferring the delights of Warwick. But I gathered later that Montlight Escapade will not even be entered for the Grand National, and tinific a National features on his agenda pext year it will be the Welsh Grand National, run at Chepstow in February.

Of the fleet of fancied runners for the Champion Hurdle, whereus Ilill's are now firmly convinced that Comedy of Errors will win back the title that he lost to Lanzarote last March, if pressed at this early stage to take sides in each race I would be bound to pick Captain Christy and Comedy of Errors.

Those of us who were at Newbury on Saturday were saddened by the sight of that once top-class steeplechaser. The Dikler. looking anything but his old self in the Mandarin Steeplechase, sponsored for the first time by the Metrostore Group. In the paddock beforehand he was the same domineering ligure, yet, when in the race, first Cuckolder and then Moonlight Escapade turned on the heat. The Dikler was simply unable to go with them and in the end he was even caught, passed and beaten for third prize by Prairie Dog, his stable companion and pacemaker on this occasion.

Only time will tell whether the explanation for his total eclipse was a combination of his bly weight and the soft ground or age creeping on—he will, after all, be 12 on Wednesday. Perhaps it was

Chepstow in February.

Of the fleet of funcied runners that sallied forth from Fulke Walwayn's Saxon House stables in Upper Lambourn, only Brantridge Farmer managed to win and even his jumping left something to be desired. Sunyboy could finish only third in the Panama Cigar Hurdle (qualifier) behind the unconsidered British Smelter, who had never set foot upon a raccourse before, and Flintstone. British Smelter took his trainer, Gay Kindersley, by surprise, even though he has always thought the world of this young half brother to that good steeplechaser of two seasons ago, Magellan.



Gay Kindersley: surprised by success of British Smelter.

British Smelter started at 33-1 but paid 80-1 on the Tote, prices that were acceptable enough to the casual rategoor, but a trifle hard to digest for the trainer, a man who is known to adore a tilt at the ring and who is known to adore a tilt at the

who is known to adore a tilt at the ring and who conferred afterwards to not having even 5p on the outcome. British Smelter was greeted all the same by a delighted owner, the authoress Miss Evelyn Anthony, whose first winner he was.

Those who helped to ensure that Birds Nest started favourite for the Sovereign Handicap Hurdle left the course licking their wounds after watching their hope trip up over the fourth flight of hurdles while going conspicuously well. I dare say that there will be another day, but that thought was precious little consolation at the time. Nevertheless, it was still nice to see Pat

Unton's small stable win such good prize with Fighting Taffy.
This was no more than both horse
and trainer deserved, a reward for honest endeavour and sheer con-sistency. Upton began this year with only a handful of horses in his yard.

If there was a challenger to Philoniusky, Night Nurse and Mrs Parsons-arguably the best three-

year-old hurdlers seen this season—in the field for the Challow Hurdle, I did not see him. But it will be surprising, all the same, if Ryan Price fails to place Nopac towin a good hurdle race in the not too distant future.

Miller Boy should help Oaksey to consolidate lead be run in two divisions. Lord By Jim Snow

There is a quality look about racing in the north this week with racing in the north this week with two days at Ayr on Thursday and Friday, and Haydock Park ou Friday and Saturday. Thousand pound taces are liberally scattered about at both meetings, and Johnnie Walker, a firm and fast friend to racing under both rules, again put up £5.000 for a handicap hurdle at Ayr.

Neville Crump, who had three winners from five runners at Wetherby last week, hopes to saddle his versatile old horse, Whispering Grace, the winner of flat racing's last big handicap at Doncaster. the William Hill November Handicap. With the close down of Manchester nearly 20 years ago some of the famous races there, the Lancashire Oaks

and others, have been revived else-where, and it is good to see the Great Lancashire Handicap Steeplechase back again. It has always been one of the great three mile steeplechases and most coveted prizes on the calendar, and the the Captain Hector Christie won it and the Cheltenham Gold Cup within four days with Fortina in the year after the war.

On Saturday Fred Winter's splendid and handsome Australian hars Cristy will make his second

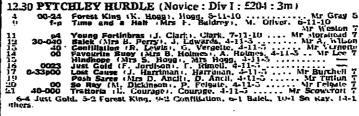
has the personality and courage to draw the crowds, and he will certainly have come on as a result of the Cheltenham race. Among his opponents at Haydock Park for the £4,000 prize will be Bruslee and The Benign Bishop, impressive last week at Wetherby when giving 351b and a two length beating to Fanatic. to Fanatic.

Also likely to be in the field are
Tee-Cee-Bee-denied a big chance Tee-Cee-Bee-denied a big chance of winning the Northumbria Hanor winning the Northumbria Handicap Streplechase on Saturday at Newcastle when racing was abandoned—and Glanford Brigg. Last season Glanford Brigg won six races in succession and then finished a good second to the Irish trained Ten Up in the Sun Alliance Streplechase at Chelten.

Oaksoy, successful on Friday at Wolverhampton on The Leap may gain himself a valuable point in the list of leading amateurs. He heads it at present with mine successes. His mount Miller Boy may the the team to 10 in the second take the score to 10 in the second division (3.0). Three weeks ago at Warwick, Miller Boy finished second to the odds on favourite. Bouzouki, but he may be fully pressed to beat Golden Ethics, third on his first run this season at Cartrick Bridge to Grandle. at Catterick Bridge to Granada.
Forest King is selected for the first division (12.30), the probable danger coming from Fred Rimell's Just Gold, and Fezeyot with 10 st may be too good for his two rivals in the Broxhills Handicap Steepleshers. Echan and Cloumellon, from Alliance Steeplechase at Chelten-ham's National Hunt Festival.
Today at Leicester, the Pytchlev Novices' Hurdle for amateurs will and 15 lb.

Leicester programme

12.30 PYTCHLEY HURDLE (Novice: Div I: 5204: 3m)



1.0 HOBY HURDLE (£204: 2m)

7-2 O Mandado, 4-1 Rue Shore, 9-2 Traite de Pate, 11-2 Near and Far, 6-1 Tudor Risk, 10-1 Little Andy, 12-1 Komanus, 14-1 Segrev.

2.0 BROXHILLS STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £442: 3m) 1. 232270 Esban (D) (Mas D. Squires). D. Nicholson, 10-71-1 J. Sulhern 7 430-p22 Cleamellon (CD) (Miss B. Shennan). R. Armylage. 7-10-7 12 17-01p Fezeyet (M. Rittenberg), Thomson Jones. 5-10-0 . I. Walkinson 5-4 Cleamellon, 13-3 Esban, 5-2 Fezeyet.

2.30 MIDLAND HURDLE (Handicap : £544 : Zm)
2 003-001 Shifting Gold (D) : Mrs R. Russell: K. Balley, 5-11-1
5 000403 Mafford Grove (D) : J. Parker: A. Birch, 6-11-1 . M. Wagner
3-01 Cenceeded (Air-Marson) Sir J. Baldwin: W. Wharton, 5-11-2 Notes of the Control o 9 13103-0 May Gate (D) (G. Massey), M. Tate, 9-10-0 R. R. Events 10 0030(3 Prince Abr. (D) 14. Sultan, Sultan, 6-10-0 B. Powed 11 02-1401 Starcide (D) (Mrs I. Clay), W. Clay, 5-10-0 N. Clay 5-2 Concooded, 3-1 Shifting Cold, 9-2 Mafford Grave, 5-1 May Gate, 15-2 Prince Abr. 8-1 Starcide,

3.0 PYTCHLEY HURDLE (Novice: Div II: £204: 3m)

2.35: 1. Fighting Tarty (11-2): 2. Beauting Lee (12-1: 5. Zellaman (13-2): 11 ran. Birds Nest 40-85 fav. 5.5: 1. Benery (11-1): 2. Norse (13-2): 5. Zip Fastenge (13-9 fav). 22 ran. Newbury results

12.20: 1. Branbidge Farmer (4-1) 12: 2. Arlogan (6-1). 5 rau. 1.0: 1. British Smother (3-1): 2. Intistone (9-1): 3. Sunyboy (6-4) Finitistone (9-1): 3. Sunyboy (6-4)
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(20:1), 6 fan. The Didler 11-8 fav.
fav.
fav. 1. Sallyrichard Again (7-4)
fav.: 2. Shock Result (7-4) it fav.:
fav. 15. Denve Adventure (2-1): 5 fan. Into
View did not run.

Warwick

12.45: 1, Pace's Darling (20-1): 2. Darnatichlo (11-2): 5. Dumothe revens fav., 15 ran. Vente and Fontency did not run.
1.15: 1. Raca Riot (5-1): 2. Lunar

Fontwell Park programme

12.45 LITTLEHAMPTON STEEPLECHASE (Handican: £423: 2 0143-03 Ozandels (CD) (J. Tilling), G. Harwood, 8-12-1 ..., C. Read 4 313-12f Indian Cottage (CD) (Miss S. Jameson), S. Woodman, 16-11-5 6 012240 The Spock (CD) O. Henley L. W. Charles, 8-10-10 R. Plinten 8 00stp Prince Twenty K. Ivory Livory 5-10-1 . C. Thornes 11-10 Ozandels, 5-4 Indian Cottage, 8-1 The Spook, 10-1 Prince I wenty.

1.15 FELPHAM HURDLE (£382 : 2m 1f) 9-4 Scottlah Cavaller, 5-1 Golden Fighter, 4-1 Royal Sherry, 6-1 Don Victor, 8-1 Landpot, 20-1 Our Janmy, Perfect Harmony, Recorded Dollvery.

1.45 BRIGHTON HURDLE (Handicap: £475: 2m 1f) 1.0020-10 Kensucky Fair J. Marley: P. Cole. 5-12-0 ... J. Francome 20-0004 Matala (G. Brunton: P. Laylor, 1-11-10 ... A. Carroll 7 000-030 Favedo (Mrs. M. Wicklins: F. Akchurst, 5-17-7 D. Carrwright 001043 Master Butcher (CD) (E. Tomisott), B. Wise, 3-11-0 Master Butcher (CD) (E. Tomisott), B. Wise, 3-11-0 Gerter Wood (D. Cegnan: Oseman, 5-10-0 F. Chantelon 10 0-00 Gerter Wood (D. Cegnan: Oseman, 5-10-0 John Williams 14 40p-000 Bredger Mrs. E. Boucher, M. McCourt, 5-10-0 John Williams 100-350 Master Butcher L. Kentucky Fair, Favedo, 5-1 Thomas Edward Parkbouse, Matala, 12-1 others.

2.15 NICKEL COIN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £495: 31m) and all Muckdon Rock (Ma) D. Wigan), [M. Jones, 5-19-0 J. Francome 322340 Curiew River (CD) (Mrs L. Rafert, K. Igory, 9-10-9 G. Thornor 1942-pf Another Fliddie (CD) (A. Neaves, Neates, 19-19-9)

O-Op00 Endless Folly (Mrs V. Van den Bergh), A. Moore, 12-10-0 8 004 Craigeos (W. Williams), J. O'Donoghue, 8-10-0 P. Butler 7
6-4 Muckden Rock, 5-2 Curiew River, 5-1 Another Fiddle, Craigeos, 10-1
Endless Folly. 2.45 TORTINGTON STEEPLECHASE (Novice: 5274: 21m)

1 00-p431 Good Relations (Mrs D. Whigham), Mrs Oughton, 1 00-p431 Good Relations (Mrs D. Whigham), Mrs Oughton, 5-11-12
2 324-102 Persian Camp (Mrs A. Arnold), F. Cundell, 6-11-12 E. R. Datics
5 0-0 Sentera (Miss O. Lee), A. Pitt, 5-11-2. P. Schloff
6 0-0002 King's Savings (A. Aliright), V. Cross, 5-11-2 F. McKenna A.
11-8 Persian Camp, 7-4 Good Relations, 3-1 King's Savings, 10-1 Benkara. 3.15 MAUDLIN HURDLE (Handicap: C353: 2m 1f)

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By Our Newmarker Correspondent 1.30 Blue Shore. 2.0 Fezcyot.

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Miss Nadig shows best form in giant slalom

Ebnat-Kappel (Switzerland). Dec 28.—Marie-Therese Nadig. Switzerland's double Olympic file holder, today displayed her finest form to win an international glant slalom here.

For the 20-year-old skiler, the winner of the downhill and giant slalom championships at the 1972 Olympics, the result was welcome encouragement for the remainder of this season's World Cup programme. She is currently eighth in the overall World Cup women's classification. Today's result did not count for either the World Cup or European Cups.

Miss Nadig defied sweeping rain

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many competitors said the well-tended plste was much barder than during their practice runs. Among the fallers were last year's winner. Hanni Wenzel, of Liechtenstein; Ingrid Eberie and Nicola Spiess, of Austria; and Agnes Vivet-Gros, of France.—Reuter.

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Miss Nadig defied sweeping rain and deceptively hard snow conditions to clock a time of 1min 15.55sec for the 48-gate course of about 950 yards with its vertical drop of 305 yards. Eight of the first 15 starters were victims of the conditions—

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Snow reports from European resorts Weather

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Excellent skiing conditions
In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes.

SCOTLAND: Cairngorm: Main runs: some complete, others broken, new snow on a firm base. Lower slopes no snow. Vertical runs: 300ft. Access roads clear. Snow level: 2,200ft. Glenshec: Main runs: patchy cover of new snow. Lower slopes: Limited nursery areas. Vertical runs: 300ft. Access roads: clear. Snow level: 2,500ft. Glencoe: Main runs: all complete, new snow drifting. Lower slopes: Limited nursery areas. Vertical runs: 1,300ft. Access roads: slight snow. Snow level: 2,300ft.

Hurdles in the way of the Government's quick dash to a June referendum on the EEC

ie Government has now termined the main point its referendum stratezy: it to be a short dash not a long ul. Just before Parliament se for the Christmas recess meeting of a group of mini-ers, attended by Mr Wilson, r Callaghan, Mr Short and Roy Jenkins, as well as by number of officials, settled the target date. If all goes all it is to be held at the end June, or possibly the first sek in July. This means that Bill must be ready to present Parliament by the end of arch and instructions have inc out to Cabinet Office offi-

There are a number of asons for this decision on hing, and some important insequences flow from it. The rst and most obvious reason that so long as it remains ncertain whether Britain is to in or out of the EEC the overnment is inhibited in its ttempts to cope with the ecoomic dangers that loom. Not me and divert energy, it also hakes it inevitable that every ffort at cooperation with our uropean partners is seen in he context of "renegotiation". mce the matter is settled, one ay or the other, at least everyne will know where he is. Secondly, the shorter the me that clapses between the

als to make the necessary pre-

referendum itself the greater the chances of the terms being accepted. It is now generally assumed that this is what most ministers want and one can detect a growing optimism that they will get their way. But it is feared that if there is a long interval after negotiating the terms before they are put to the vote they are but to the vote then everything that goes wrong in the mean-time, large or small, could sour the public mood.

Moreover, the sooner the referendum is out of the way the less risk there is of the Labour Party tearing itself to pieces over it. If it is held over until the autumn it would get enmeshed in the party conference season. It would have to be held in October at the latest to satisfy the pledge that the Eritish people would be given the chance to decide the issue within a year of the general election. That means that if it is not conducted in the summer there would have to be-apart from the special assembly on this one issue—a full-scale Labour Party conference just before or just after it. That would be enough to make the staunchest party

umager quake. Yet the choice of a quick dash to referendum sets a pretty demanding timetable. The whole strategy could collapse if The whole strategy could collapse if one of two things happened: Renegotiation might drag on longer than ministers now expect or the Bill might get bogged down in Parliament

The first is that renegotiation a referendum without knowing could drag on longer than ministers now expect. Some of them are saying that it is already history is that one should never

precisely what package was to be presented to the electorate. The second threat to the timeclear what the ultimate terms table is that in any case the Bill will be. But one lesson to be might get bogged down in drawn from the Community's Parliament. Three weeks to a history is that one should awar to a considered the constant of the co month is considered the necesunderestimate its capacity to sary time that must elapse apart from the special underestimate its capacity to sary time that must elapse spin out the approach to any destination, no matter how destination, no matter how destination, no matter how clearly perceived. Ministers the staunchest party the staunchest party before or in the staunchest party become of a quick dash erendum sets a pretty ling timetable. The strategy could collapse if two things happened.

In the approach to any between the Bill receiving the Royal Assent and the holding of the referendum. Even if all goes according to plan, therefore, the campaign will be a short one, though no shorter than is now regarded as acceptable of period the Bill must reach the that both Houses which the statute book by the first week

of June at the latest. Allowing votes would certainly have to an impossible schedule. What it does mean is that the Government will have to produce as short and simple a piece of legislation as possible.

But there are a number of points on which there is bound to be contention and scope for amendment. First, there is the precise form of the question to be put to the electorate. Strictly speaking, tals does not have to pe part of the legislation. But the feeling now seems to be that Parliament would not be content leave this to a subsequent ministrative order. Some miniers have been attracted by the ca of phrasing the question in ch a way that one would rote

ost people instinctively prefer vote "No" at a referendum cause that implies preserving e status quo. No decision has et been taken on this, but pinion within the Governmen: nay now be moving against it in the grounds that it would be not clever by half. There will certainly be dispute

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to how the votes should be on to the total shade be been taken, but the chances he increasing that this will be one on a United Kingdom basis. There are some administrative

be validated locally. But there are fears that it would be destructive of the unity of the United Kingdom if it could be shown that Scotland, Wales and Northern Ircland had voted to come out while English votes determined that we should stay in the Community. Furthermore, it is thought that some Labour Europeans might be put in a highly vulnerable position when Parliament and to vote after the referendum if it could be shown that there was a majority against them in their own constituency. But for these very reasons there will be powerful pressures, from the nationalism in particular, to have the votes counted consti-

There will be argument as to viletter the referendum result should be mandatory on Parlia ment and efforts to put a second question on the ballot paper ensuring Parliament complete freedom of decision if the referencem gires neither siès a mercia of 5 per cent. The ground rules for the campaign are bound to be in dispute at is state. Yet while senior ministere have now taken the strote decision to go for a quick gic decision to go for a quiex referenciem they have not even seren to discuss emong them-

Geoffrey Smith

Lord Chalfont

Is one innocent victim more deserving than another?

the Rosville Flats area of Londonderry, when the Army moved against a rioring crowd after as illegal march. Moved by a spirit of good will and conciliation, the Government has now decided to pay his family 516,575. If his widow invests this money with even elemen-tary prudence, she will be assured of an income of £40 week for the rest of her life, and for the lives of her children arter her. Of course, as Mrs Dollerty has said, this cannot compensate her for the loss of her husband. The value of a human life cannot be measured

in this way.

No. indeed; so let us spare a thought for another casualty of the Irish madness. In April, 1972, a few months after the death of Mr Doherty, and less than a mile away from the Rosville Flats, a corporal of the Royal Welch Fusiliers was shot cead by an IRA sniper. His idow receives a pension of 231.54 a week; this will be re-duced substantially when her only son reaches working age,

only son reaches working age, and it will disappear altogether if she should marry again.
You may be forgiven for thinking that somebody, sometimere, has got his priorities wrong; and I am in a position to tall you that many publicates. to tell you that many soldiers are now convinced of something which they have quietly sus-pected for a long time—namely, that their political masters have 2 somewhat eccentric system of values. Quite apart from the specific case of Mrs Doherty and the corporal's widow, the decision to offer money to the victims of the Londonderry riots has wider implications. The Ministry of Defence may

positificate as it pleases about the Army being "under no legal liability in respect of the deaths of the 13 deceased"; the fact remains that to many people it will seem that there is a tacit admission that the soldiers of the Parachute Regiment were in the wrong. This is something which will be seized on and exploited by those who have been waging war on the British Government and people. Already it is possible to discern a facile tendency-not only in the press and on radio and television, but in the renta-politician industry as well—to use the cant expression "Bloody Sunday" to describe the Londonderry riots and their tragic consequences. This must give a great deal of satisfaction to that long-forgotten heroine of those days, Miss Bernadette Devlin, who took part in the Londonderry demonstration and later described the event, with predictable irrelevance as "our

tion latest gesture into believing that ently, the Army will rigidly any of this contained a grain of truth, it might be as well to recall some of the satient findings of the official tribunal of both the Government and the inquiry—subsequently accepted by the Government of the day. Lord Widgery, the Lord Chief Justice of England, concluded that "there would have been no deaths in Londonderry on January 30 if those who organized the illegal march had not thereby created a highly dangerous situation in which a clash between demonstrators and the security forces was almost in-evitable". He further found that the decision to contain the march within the Bogside and Creggan areas was fully justified; that there was no reason to suppose that the troops would have opened fire if they had not been tired on first; and that there was no general break-

down in discipline. He also concluded, in a phrase the significance of which should not be underestimated in the current context, that "none of the deceased or wounded is proved to have been shot whilst handling a firearm or bomb. Some are wholly acquitted of complicity in such action; but there is a strong suspicion that some others had been firing weapons or handling bombs in the course of the afternoon and that yet others had been

On January 30, 1972, Patrick Doberty was not one of those Joseph Doherty was killed in suspented of contact with firesuspected of contact with fire-arms; and also ther Lord Widgery's findings included im-plicit creticism of the Army for not persisting in its "low-key" attitude, together with the clear suggestion that in some cases the soldiers' shooting "bordered on the reckless". This is, ho-ever, not the same thing as cold-bloded and indiscriminate slau**ghter.**

Now whether you prefer the version of Lord Widgery to that of Mr John Hume or Miss Bernadette Devlin will clearly depend upon a number of factors, including whose side you are on in the war between the IRA and the British people. For myself, I mention these matters simply to preempt any possible demand that the Ministry of Defence should issue a formal apology or that the officers of the 1st Battalion the Parachute Regiment should be publicly flogged. I do not suggest that the Government is necessarily wrong to offer some financial assistance to the families of United Kingdom citizens killed in a riot of this kind. There may, however, be two views about this. I do suggest that it might concentrate more of its admirable qualities of compassion upon some of the other victims of terrorism—the widows and children of our own dead soldiers; the men and women who go into a public house for a quiet drink and finish the evening blinded, maimed or mutilated; or the young secretary who goes out into Oxford Street for a pre-Christmas celebration with a friend and ends up under a restaurant table unconscious

and bleeding. In time, of course, the state will get round to compensating these people or those they have left behind. Yet some of those who contemplate the case of the corporal's widow may be for-given for thinking that charity hould begin at home rather

than in the Bogside. The IRA has now decided to extend its campaign of violence and terror to the mainland of the United Kingdom. It has followed this move with the offer of a temporary truce, with the clear reservation that it will resume its activities if the British Government does not respond ". It is, of course, the responsibility of our political leaders to decide whether this is anything more than a tactical manoeuvre. If they decide that it is, and that there is any hope that it may lead to a permanent renunciation of violence, then they have the right to expect universal support in whatever steps they take to encourage it.

Sharpeville. Mr John Hume, a It may be that the payment to

Stormont MP, referred to it as the victims of Londonderry

"cold-blooded mass murder." should be seen in this light. In

and accused the British Army any case, one of the few things

of opening fire "indiscrimin of which the Government can be ately on the civilian popula- certain is the total cooperation ion". of the security forces. If the Just in case anybody should IRA chooses to abandon vio-

> It is, however, right to say to both the Government and the IRA that they should not take too much for granted. The morale, discipline and patience of the British Army are durable qualities; but they are not indestructible. For years soldiers in Ulster have faced death, injury, insult and humiliation doing a job which is not, strictly speaking, a soldier's job. They have endured the ill-informed and often ill-intentioned criticism of politicians, and instant experts of various nationalities—not only American, Irish and Russian, but Eritish as well.

When, in addition, they see the dependants of men killed in a rioting mob apparently being treated with more consideration than the families of their own dead comrades and civilian friends, they might perhaps be forgiven for beginning to wonder what the fighting is all about. There is a story from the days of the Second World War about at Army officer will be a story of the second World War about at Army officer will be a story of the second World War about at Army officer will be a story of the second World War army officer will be a story of the second World War army of the second war army of the second world war army of the second world war army of the second war army of the second war army of the second wa about an Army officer walking along Whitehall to keep an appointment, and asking a passing Foreign Office official, Excuse me, can you tell me which side the War Office is on?" Ours, I hope, the diplomat said fervently, I trust that we may continue to say the same closely supporting them". may continue to say the same
It is true, and it is import for the Northern Ireland Office.
ant to record, that Mr Patrick Times Newspapers Ltd, 1974

The growing conflict in Israel's corridors of learning

When the head of a major uniersity in any country resigns fier pressure from colleagues wer his political attitudes questions arise that go beyond passing curiosity in the type academic feud that occurs in

the corridors of learning.

If the country is Israel; the ndividual one of the world's nost brilliant physicists and nathematicians like Professor Yuval Ne'eman; and his critics eminent fellow scientists—the circumstances have added signiiicance. Although the affair has not been formally settled, Israeli academics are discussing the related issues over the dinner table in the way academics anywhere in the world-or certainly in Europe and the United States—compare views on open secrets. However, they are distheir wider and interies-not just about the future of science and research—but about the need for a Middle East peace settle-ment. Some of their ideas for making peace with Arab neighbours do not coincide with the views of politicians, yet there is a similarity with opinions of some mature student movements in universities.

The Israeli scientific com-munity is one of the elite groups munity is one of the clite groups underprivileged families and with Arab neighbours. of the community. Over the past children. These should take Like the younger gen 20 years it has been nurtured to create, as the founders of Israel saw it, a vital resource for the solution of the national problems. The extraordinary success in agriculture production in the fertile Mediterranean plain and in the programme for the "greening" of the desert, the development of a small but formidable nuclear potential, and more recently the expansion into marine and ocean technology are some of the dividends of that

Israel has been spending over 2.4 per cent of its gross national product on research and development, and shares a top position with the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union in the proportion of resources allo-cated in this way. Last year over £70m went into the science budget. Half was distributed between the country's seven prestige universities and research institutions. As a separate programme, spending on weapons research and development absorbed the other half. This year the civil research and development budget is being cut by 10 to 20 per cent at various

universities. On the other side, defence research spending has increased. ing, first, the Hebrew Univer-The President of Israel, Professity in Jerusalem. They were sor Ephraim Katzir, remarked earlier this month "If there were more money available, we increase defence re-

mirrors the condict enterging



Professor Yaval Ne'eman: "A very aggressive view as many hitherto apolitical and conservative substitute and new student groups begin to find their voice. One student out it this way: "We have housing shortages in our cities, transport and pollution problems like other countries, and a lot of children. These should take Like the younger generation, priority in government. No the academics do their army sound reason exists for annex-service and duty in the reserves. ing the million Arabs of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Maybe there are securily arguments for keeping the Golan Heights and the Sinai as a buffer which could be made without infringing other human rights. Niest of Sinai is an empty wilderness."
This reflects the view of a privileged student who belongs

to what is probably the first generation of indigenous Israelis to come of age. He has done his service in the armed forces and returns every year for a month in the reserves. At the university he is on the rota with everyone else for security at the main gate or at entrances to all build-ings. Yet he is out of sympathy with the generation that created the state in which he lives. The roots of the growing conflict between the more senior scientists and politicians are different Indeed, it seems to be

Immigrant scientists pretation of Zionism. Some of the best scientific minds of the era were involved in establishsoon in ideological conflict with the Zionist labour movement disparaging of the Jewish intellectual, intended to found a Jewish State to be

agrarian society.

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a recurrence of events in the

It is ironic that an economic this old split back into focus. Nevertheless the opinion from the academic community could carry more weight this time simply because it is many times larger. Relationships with the political establishment have been cordial while the two groups have pursued their own goals and their shared goals without a clash. Universities and research institutes have been relatively independent. They are helped enormously by financial and cooperative research with Europe and the United States. The bulk of research activity is paid for by extra-mural links and contributions from oversess. The butions from overseas. The government allocation covers the overheads of teaching and

Devaluation and the curs in the science budget coincided with similar crises in most teachog and research centres in the est with whom Israelis collaborate. To aggravate the situation, investigations in marine sciences and desert agriculture have reached a stage where some research workers believe the most beneficial sharing of knowledge would come in cooperating

For the first time I missed an appointment with a research scientist because he had been called away the previous even ing into the reserves. His colleagues simply covered his experimental apparatus with a large polythene sheet. They talked about his part in the laboratory work as if we were waiting for him to come back from having a cup of coffee in the refectory. Apart from its national responsibilities, the scientific community has perhaps the closest contact with the outside world of any Israeli group. Most of the research and teaching institutions only give a post to a scientist with long research experience in one or more of the big American or European centres.
In principle the leading

scientists have ready access to government leaders. The speaker of the Knesset has said he believes any scientist or pro-fessor wishing to contribute to scholars of high standing went a parliamentary inquiry has with the desire to establish a always been invited to do so. Jewis spiritual centre in Understandably, perhaps, the Palestine. This being their interpopule who have availed themselves of such opportunities tend to be sympathetic to the politically material Zionists. Some, like Yuval Ne'eman, adopt a very aggressive view over the conflict with the Araba and believe in philosophies like first pre-emptive strikes" as a deterrent against attacks on

Pearce Wright

Why the Tories must break out of a make-believe world

There are alternative diagnoses and prescriptions for the ills afflicting the Tory Party, to those which Ian Gilmour put forward in The Times last month.

It is not clear why he thinks that "the October defeat was largely inevitable". Labour fought on an extremist left wing policy, which most electors found distasteful, yet we could not harness their discontent to our cause. Since the Conservative cult of occupying "the middle ground", which reached its shrill crescendo in October's theme of a government of national unity, has proved au ineffective counter to Labour's extremism, we must look for more fundamental reasons for our failure. Our bid to take over the Liberals in October failed, refuge. as would Peter Walker's suggestion of taking Labour votes by advocating Labour policies. stand for.

of a confident, ordered society. to prosper without government interference. They want to earn, to save and to pass on somemoney or a good education. They do not want their government to be pushed around, by strikers, trade union leaders, lefty students, terrorists, or Brussels bureaucrats. Above all they fear the gathering economic storm. They are now not just worried for their own future, but for the future of society itself.

It is a measure of the failure of the Tory leadership that it could convince these millions neither of its commitment to Tory principles, nor of its ability to avert economic dis-aster. Convinced, it will by its enthusiasm muster the entire auti-socialist vote behind us. Uncoovinced, that vote breaks up into Liberal, or memoralist support, or simply abstention. The most pointed lesson of all is that the SNP gained its seats at our expense, not at the expense of Labour. How then can the Tory Party convince its erstwhile support-ers that it will restore stability, order and prosperity?

People do not want their government to be pushed around by anyone...

Foremost, it must abandon the make-believe world which it has recently taken refuge. Sanctions are not coercing for Smith. Power sharing and Protestant-bashing are not defeating the IRA but encouraging them. The EEC is Both strategems smack of a but a harmless free trade area lack of principle, of seeking and not a papacea for all our power at any price. They make it.s. Our economic plight is the party seem opportunist; the desperate mainly through our electors do not know what we own fault. Inflation is not caused by trade unions or oil The Tory Party should be the over-spending. It is not party of the market economy, "countered" by prices and incomes controls, which merely shaikhs, but by government over-spending. It is not enterprise and ownership, and damage industry and investment.

The reality is that we are living well beyond our means. There are millions who share We are enabled to do so by these objectives. They are not governments "printing" too egalitarian. They want freedom much money. Thus we import far more than we export in order to satisfy our "printed" purchasing power. To finance this we have to borrow abroad thing to their children—be it on a huge scale—our overseas by 1978-it cannot go on like Rigorous price controls, and

a violent credit squeeze last December, have brought private enterprise to the verge of bankruptcy, and investment almost to a halt, while consumption continues to rise, resulting in our consuming half of our capital stock. The only convincing policy to

deal with this involves using the weapon that can work: phasing out the deficit caused by government overspending, over a period of perhaps three or four years. To say, as Ian Gilmour does, "that every known weapon must be used" against inflation is like going into battle in a Centurion tank and then throwing one's boomerang at the energy. There is no painless way, and we should stop muddying the issue by suggesting there is any alternative. Phasing out the domestic

deficit—now running at £6,300m per annum—requires the ending

cousing it means ending our Lady Bountful role in the vorld. It means no more state white elephants like Concorde, the Chunnel and Maplin. It means backing the waste out of readic industry and public administration and devising true methods of accountability and control. It means finding new vays of financing health, educa-tion and pensions leading to better use of resources and greater freedom of personal choice. It means concentrating welfare on those who need it. It is the corser within which all policy-making must be con-tained.

Some unemployment there would be (it should not be exaggerated, but as compared with the cruelty of hyper-inflation it is the lesser of two evils. Now that we have learnt that passing laws does not control trade unions, could we not go back to understanding what did control them for a century: a proper balance of supply and demand in the labour market?

It is only by reducing the rate of inflation that many of our other rational problems can be contained; trade union militancy, poor work and low productivity, school and university ing to violence and even crime. We have tended to substitute collective responsibility for individual responsibility. It must be an essential part of the Tory appeal to restore both personal freedom and personal responsibility. People must be made to suffer the consequences of their actions or inactions once

Such a policy is neither right wing nor left wing. It meets the real situation of our country, and the real understanding of it which so many electors have deep down inside them-selves. The situation is too serious, has gone too far, for the Tory Party to go on devising policies solely designed to please.

The next leader must reawaken confidence. He must give the electors hope that he can reestablish order and prosperity. He would find his con-science clear and his mind at peace if he took this road. He would have cut our apologia and expediency, wishful thinking and unreality. His appeal would be founded on the true needs of of Conservatives. He would be in a position to give that inspired leadership for which we all crave.

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The Times Diary

A seasonal gift to Fleet Street

John Stonehouse was a Christmas gift to the popular news-papers, providing an exciting holiday read in place of the customary round-up of Christmas births, snow showers on hilltops and road deaths. With two non-publishing days to work on the story, the papers seized on the missing MP's timely reappearance with an enthusiasm reserved for such rare opportunities. The Daily Mail on Friday credited 21 reporters and four photographers for the coverage in their Stonehouse file, which filled three pages.
The Mail's credit list excited the envy of other news desks along Fleet Street. "They had 17 people credited on the home

Mail, though, they explained

modestly that some of the 21

mal contribution—a phone call or two—but we thought that as

they had had their Christmas interfered with, the least we

might have made only a mini-

the paper "_ The Mail sent a reporter and a photographer to Melbourne (economy class return fare: £513.10 each). They also engaged a Hongkong-based free-lance to supplement the Australian coverage. The Express, who credited 10 journalists with the four pages of coverage they gave the story on Friday and Saturday, also sent one reporter and one photographer to Australia, but their new editor. Alastair Burnet, was "not keen to talk about the resources devoted to the story " yesterday.

The Express is said to have bought up Barbara Stonehouse at a fee which Fleet Street rumour puts at anything from £2,000 to £50,000. It is also generally supposed that they paid for Mrs Stonehouse's flight and alone", said the Mirror's news editor. "I would be happy if I could have counted 17 people working all told." At the

could do was put their names in

to Australia. The Mirror (a dozen in the credits for four pages on Friday and more than two on Saturday) already had a photographer in Melbourne for the cricket, but they also sent out a reporter

"who has been waiting for Stonehouse patiently for 11 months", and had one of their New York staff go down to

Their exclusive interview with Stonehouse's secretary on Saturday, they confided after consultation, did not cost a penny. "The only way those who have not moved before can catch up to buy up the first person they can at some exorbitant price , boasted the news editor. Our piece on Saturday was intended to point out that one paper, at least, had bought up the wrong woman."

The Sun, which gave Stonehouse 31 pages on Friday and two on Saturday, estimated that they had five people a day active on the story in Britain, but "because of our Australian connexions we did not have to send to Australia". Without an exact count the deputy editor thought the Daily Mail's Friday credits possibly exceeded The Sun's total reporting staff.

The Daily Telegraph sent their man from Singapore to Mel-bourne (and had previously had their New York man in Miami). They devoted 11 pages to Stonehouse on Friday and seven columns on Saturday.

this sort of story so seriously.

The Guardian did not even make

Stonehouse their lead on Friday

and gave him less than a page.

Serious papers do not take

The Financial Times awarded him about half a page. The Times news desk say the story has been covered by one reporter with the assistance of some others as required ". Our foreign news desk report proudly that "we have not moved one man one yard on account of Stone-house". The Times has permanent correspondents in Melbourne and Copenhagen.

The Sunday Times, who dig busily into this sort of misadventure, managed to credit 12 reporters yesterday, but they did it only by including a secretary in the New York office and cricket writer Robin Marlar, the former Sussex cricket captain. Marlar must have had a busy Christmas, as he reported else-where that he was bowling to Edrich and Cowdrey in the nets at Melbourne on Christmas Day.

reverish

While on the subject of newspaper idiosyncracies, I was glad to welcome yesterday morning a familiar friend—the annual 'flu scare. Usually it appears in the middle of December but this year, no doubt because of the surfeit of genuine misery over the past few weeks, it has been

delayed.
It was The Observer which





My first annual award for the most unseasonal Christmas or New Year card is shared. The Hsinhua News Agency of China, sent an unattractive view of what seems to be an oil refinery, and I print a detail. The other card, with its aggressive message, was found in a shop by Ian Ford of Bristol.

headline (note the careful "could"). Medical experts were quoted as saying that the 'flu epidemic " raging " in Italy and Hungary " might " (that caution again) spread to Britain,

The only difference from similar reports in previous years is that it has been conventional for recent threats of broke the news to me yesterday. epidemics to come from Hong-"EUROFLU" COULD HIT kong or other parts of Asia. BRITAIN, said the front page That this one is said to come

from Europe is either a reflection of our withdrawal from empire or the start of a subtle campaign by those who want us to opt out of Europe in next year's referendum.

I can reveal that what will happen on the 'flu from will be the same this winter as always. Some will get it, many more will not, and those who do will not mind much where the bug

I have received notice of a conference to be held in the New Year called: "The need for a new approach to motiva-tion for 1975." Operating its own principles, the first ques-tion on the fact sheet is "Why is the fee lower than that usually charged for conferences?" Moreover, the litera-ture sent me gives no indica-tion of what the fee actually is.

Unlucky

Little, Brown and Co, the New York publishers, have been going through some uncomfortable moments over a book they plan to publish on the life of Lucky Luciano, the Mafia leader who died in 1962. The book has been billed as Luciano's last testament, dictated by him just before his death. But there is much in the book which could hardly have come from Luciano himself. in a long analysis, The New York Times has pointed out that the book not only has Luciano saying he took part in meetings which he could not have attended because he was in jail at the time, it even has him referring to an event which referring to an event which

took place two years after his The book is supposed to have been dictated by Luciano to

Martin Gosch, a film producer who died in 1973. But Little, Brown have now backed away from the claim they originally made that it was taken from tapes. It is now conceded that there are no tapes, and that much of the book was written by Richard Hammer, a freelance writer. Further doubts about the

book's authenticity were sparked by William Safire, a columnist, who traced a recording of an interview he had with Luciano in 1954. In the interview, Luciano strongly denied an anecdote about how he had escaped death in 1929, and had thus been nicknamed "Lucky". He said the nickname was simply a corruption of his sur-name. Yet in the book the 1923

Little, Brown are, however, sticking to their publication plans, and they are being backed Month Club, which has selected it for February. "The club it for February. "The club reaffirms its faith in Little. Brown", it announced. The publishers are not being talkarive about the book, though. Their claims have been watered down to: "This book contents the only disclosures that Lucky Luciano ever made of the events that shaped his life."

Perhaps it will sell anyway.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



MR CALLAGHAN'S TASK IN AFRICA

Mr Callaghan arrives in Lusaka tomorrow on the first and presumably most important stage his ten-day African tour. Planned before the meetings between white Rhodesian officials and black Rhodesian nationalist leaders in that capital, it now has taken on greater significance. It is no longer the goodwill and fence-mending trip originally envisaged. Mr Callaall the six African capitals he is to visit what Britain can do, first to expedite and encourage a satisfactory outcome from the proposed constitutional confer-ence between black and white leaders in Rhodesia, and second. what Britain will do to increase the squeeze on the Smith regime in the event of failure at the first try. To answer that the trip is merely to have general discussions will now hardly satisfy the African leaders. They will hope for something more rositive.

Since the Pearce commission report, the British line has been that Britain can do no more until a settlement acceptable to all parties has been worked out in Rhodesia. The events (which of course flow from the Portuguese revolution last April) that appear to break the deadlock and bring compromises nearer have not altered this view. British ministers have argued that a constitutional conference made no sense until Mr Smith agreed to attend it, and now the official view seems to be that Mr Smith should chair it in Rhodesia, and London should be left out of the picture until the moment arrives to give legal force to any settlement that emerges. This attitude, which seems reasonable here, takes too little account of African resentment at Britain's conduct of the

Africans now see that it was not British efforts, but those of the Frelimo guerrillas which have at last changed the scene. This may be unfair to Britain's difficulties in making sanctions work in the face of other nations' evasion of Security Council resolutions. The fact remains that they think Britain has fallen short. With Mr Callaghan to talk to now, they may very well bring up once more the list of additional measures that they think Britain could deploy to coerce the Rhodesians towards concessions-such as cutting them out of the Postal Union or cancelling British passports used by British residents in Rhodesia.

Mr Callaghan may be briefed to show that these or other measures are impracticable. But then, if the talks fail to come off or break up without agreement, it will again be somebody else who is asked to take the strain while Eritain (apparently) does nothing: for then Frelimo will surely be asked to close all the Portuguese loopholes, as well as allowing the guerrillas to operate from its territory—both at no little cost to Mozambique. It will be surprising if the Africans con-cede to Mr Callaghan that Britain has done enough.

Unfortunately the outlook for a settlement, which would immensely relieve Britain's overseas worries, is far from promising, despite the combined efforts of Mr Vorster and President Kaunda both of whom so urgently need a peaceful transition in Rhodesia to majority rule. South Africa needs it to avoid being sucked into a kind of southern African Vietnam, and Zambia needs it almost as badly to save its crumbling communications to the coast. The recent terrorist Rhodesian dispute so far. The outrage in which South African

police were killed while parleying about the supposed ceasefire shows that the Zanu guerrillas

and their backers accept no ceasefire yet. Mr Smith's precondition for a conference were a ceasefire, and he can now justify a refusal to proceed until he gets one-and can press for continued South African military help. If he does not say so, some of his party faithful will. To get the conference going while the raiding continues will therefore be difficult, though of course it must be attempted. The visit of Sir Roy Welensky to Lusaka may here do good: he, better than most, can give President Kaunda a convincing assessment of white Rhodesian attitudes at this juncture, and show what is needed to get the constitutional discussions

It is still to everyone's advantage to have the conference, except the terrorists', who may or may not be out of the control of their nominal political leaders. Even presuming that Mr Smith and his colleagues have decided not to yield much on early majority rule, they need a record of reasoned concessions to retain South African official support. The process of debate, so long interdicted in Rhodesia, can itself loosen up rigid attitudes. The chances of success will obviously be increased if the atmosphere is right. It needs to be seen in Rhodesia that the African leaders are trying to restrain terrorism. The pressure on the Smith regime needs to continue—and it needs to extend its clemency to Mr Garfield Todd—however much it may fear that he would prove a useful ally of the African negotiators. Mr Callaghan may not have much to contribute to this combined operation, but he will not achieve a good impression if

BANGLADESH BRACED FOR A GRIM FUTURE

The state of emergency proon claimed in Bangladesh Saturday has seemed inevitable for some months past. Some might think that this country, born in emergency by Indian induction, has never lifted itself out of that condition in the three years of its existence. Now the doubt will be whether the call to order and the imposition of new fective when Shaikh Muiib's overnment has lost the confilence of the politically conscious population. For what the governnent must now do is not simply o put an end to the violence that t attributes to its opponents, or o the hooligan elements whose ossession of arms allows them o live by exactions, but to estrain the brutality and indisciiline of its own para-military orces. The 3,000 members of the Awami League who are said to save been killed have not all neen innocent victims. Killing or political ends or for local idvantage began in the struggle or independence and has continued since, with more violence accompanying smuggling or other illicit deals. No political faction

can escape blame. To deplore the state to which Bangladesh has been reduced is not to overlook the gross handi-

caps from which, as a country, it rhetoric is no longer enough to starts. In relation to productive capacity population pressure is worse than for any other nation of comparable size. There is no mineral wealth. The quota of natural disasters by flooding, drought and hurricanes regularly exceeds any of its neighbours'. The greater part of its population is underfed, underemployed and undereducated. Such conditions a world sympathetic to Bengali suffering after 1971. By now the aid-givers have lost heart and the social workers, missionaries, technicians and distributors of aid within the country despair. The begging bowl held out so confidently three years ago hangs listlessly down. The £400 millions a year that the country needs even to keep alive will not be forthcoming.

Against all these disadvantages that have brought their share of suffering to Bangladesh the charge to be set against maladministration is nevertheless the heavier. The corruption goes from top to bottom. Very few of Shaikh Mujib's closest colleagues are not included in the constant allegations. And if Shaikh Mujib himself still retains some respect it must be admitted that his sentimental

win obedience from a divided country. On top of that his attachment to his colleagues is everywhere criticized, so that the Awami League far from being a party expressive of the national interest seems only one that leans on the leader and collects the pickings of power.

he arrives quite empty-handed.

In what way may the state of emergency now turn the tide rus nonesty and efficiency The charges made in the procla unspecified mation against elements in the population might imply that the emergency is intended only to bolster the power of the Awami League and little else. A government of a more authoritarian character determined to impose discipline on the country might well be the harsh answer needed, but what confidence does the population have in those who would impose the discipline? Neither the Indians who "liberated" Bangladesh, nor the Russians who patronize Bangladesh as a fringe responsibility to their Indian interest, nor any other aid-giving or politically interested power can or would wish to influence the outcome. Somehow Bangladesh is going to have to find its own answer to its political problems.

David Wood

Awards for the politicians of the year

As the year closes it would be agreeable to look back on 1974 and be able to point with absolute certainty to the birth of one new idea in British politics, or even an old idea that had been given force and freshness by the genius of its expression. Any such search must

British politics remains stubbornly monintellectual, an activity as practical as bookkeeping or bricklaying thenever it is not simply a matter whenever it is not simply a matter of reflex responses to external events. In spite of two general elections and three Budgets nothing witered by a British politician in 1974 will deserve to live on into 1975 for its own sake, unless it is the beautiful paradox from Mr Willie Whitelaw, as Conservative Party chairman, when he accused Mr Harold Wilson of "stirring up complacency" during the October election campaign.

election campaign.
Those who mocked Mr Whitelaw or verbal ineptitude made too little illowance for the backstage energy Vr Wilson can bring to a policy of

Dasterly inactivity.

In default of ideas, then, how hall the year 1974 be remembered?

The answer is: by the politicians who set their stamp upon it either by their abilities or their force of naracter. On that test the politician f the year, the winner of the West-Oscar, must be Mr Jim 'allaghan, the Foreign Secretary. At some point that even he might

ind it hard to fix, perhaps as he sold his sixtieth birthday and iscovered the spiritual rather than inancial rewards of getting mud on is boots as he lorded it over the 137 acres of his beef and barley am, Mr Callaghan found fulfilment and made that subtle change from Mitician to statesman.

He found that when he stopped trying so hard everything came casily. He had been broken as Chancellor of the Exchequer by devaluation; he did not recover his confidence as Home Secretary; and his relationship with Mr Wilson was damaged by his opposition to "In

the Foreign Office, his peace made with Mr Wilson, and month by month established a command over his department and over the Com-mons that nobody else today may equal. To a splendid presence at the despatch box, he adds an easy, relaxed style of narrative and debute that tells of total inner confidence. It would be going too far to say that he has gained the world by surrendering it, but the secret seems to be that, after nearly 30 years in the House, Jim Callaghan has learn the hard way that he values nobody's good opinion more than his own self

Everybody's good opinion is therefore added unto him. It is a backhanded tribute, yet still a significant tribute, that when two or three Tories gather together and speculate about an impending national crisis that could break up the existing party system and bring a coalition government into being. Mr Callaghan is usually named as the one man round whom the coali-

the one man round whom the coal-tion could form.

I believe they mistake their man; Mr Callaghan is too deeply steeped in his party's history, too much the party manager by inclination, to go the way of Ramsay MacDonald in 1931. But there is no doubt that he would be essential to any coalition in the immediate future. He towers in the immediate future. He towers over both front benches, at least for

the time being.
I hope it will not seem perverse to name as runner-up for the West-minster Oscar, 1974, Mr Edward Heath, above all for the strength of character he has shown in defeat and

in adversity.

Public life is made casy by success. The cheers bring surges of adrenalin that carry the victorious party leader through his 18-hour day, doubling his energy and making hard work light. But in defeat there is no consolation to be found anywhere except in the reading and re-reading of Kipling's If; and Mr Heath has no marked taste for poetry and the balm it may lay to the troubled soul.

For Mr Heath there is the bitterness of knowing that if he had stood his ground against those who argued him into a late February election he could still have been at No 10. Now he has lost two general elections in quick succession, and every day he wakens to lead into battle a party that openly searches for a new general. His troops desert him, and friendships distance themselves into discretion. The humiliation is heaped upon him of designing the scaffold of a new leadership election pro-cedure on which he must soon stand.

Nothing in Mr Heath's public performance of his duties since the October general election hints at the gall that must now be his daily draught. Somewhere within himself he has found the resources of courage and character to face a world of critics and intriguers, and to continue the fight to vindicate himself as leader against all chal-lengers. I find that admirable. With one exception, his rivals for the party leadership, if they exist, have so far shown markedly less courage and character.

The exception, of course, is Mrs Margaret Thatcher, who must be reckoned not only the woman politician of the year but also of the decade. In 1974 she came to full stature: one of the most formidable debaters on the Conservative front bench, one of its toughest thinkers, and the first woman in British politics ever to go for the party leadership.

When the 1922 committee vote under the new leadership procedure in February or March Mrs Thatcher may succeed only in smoking out into the open a more successful male challenger to Mr Heath. But she will still have jumped ahead of all the rest of her political generation (she is 48) and will have to be reckoned with as a new and original force in Conservative politics for

many years to come. It is certainly a safe bet that in the fullness of time she will become the first woman Chancellor of the Exchequer Westminster and Whitehall have known, and when the day comes we shall all know she has

Consultants' threat of sanctions

From Professor Ian McColl Sir, As an independent member of the Owen Working Party, I wish to clarify certain features of the negotiations which seem to have caused some confusion.

First, in response to the pro-fession's request for a new contract in 1974, the Government offered its new consultants contract on Decem-ber 20. The profession is under no obligation to accept it and may continue with the existing contractual arrangements which would continue to apply to future consultant appointments. Some consultants are under the misapprehension that they are applying sanctions because this contract is being forced on the profession. This is certainly not the case.
Secondly, the profession asked for

the present open-ended contract to be closed and emergency work at nights and weekends to be paid for separately. It would be fair to state that the Government and the Department of Health and Social Security were opposed to this but later gave way. They have defined the closed contract as normally constituting a five-day week from 9 am to 5 pm. Clearly some definition is essential in order to allow extra payment for emergency work done out of hours. This definition is not rigid and in no way precludes other working hours such as 10 am to 6 pm or 8 am until 4 pm provided this is acceptable to the other

members of the hospital team.

Thirdly, I have attended all the meetings of the working party, and have heard full discussions on most of the important aspects of the new contract. contract. Naturally some discussions were curtailed in December due to the threat of sanctions. David Owen has been an honest and noticeably patient chairman who has compromised on many issues. He originally wished to pay those who did no private practice considerably more than those who did. Under pressure he reduced this differential to 18 per cent, which is approximately as it now stands, and which incidentally is offset somewhat by the favourable taxation arrangements enjoyed by those engaged in private practice. Originally the latter were not intended to have career structure supplements but again he compromised

Lastly, the frustration of the consultants can readily be understood. At a time of severe inflation they have seen their earnings in the National Health Service falling far behind those of other professional bodies. Those working in hospitals far from large centres may lose as much as 50 per cent of their gross earnings when the pay beds are phased out. Feelings are now running very high indeed and clearly what is required is a cooling off period in the interests of patients and the medical profession, both of whom may suffer irreparable damage from the results of sanctions. The new contract was designed in the genuine belief that it would especially help those work-ing in understaffed and unpopular situations. Many think it contains imperfections and uncertainties which need clarification. What is required at this crucial time is fur-ther discussion rather than precipitate action. Yours faithfully,

over this issue

IAN McCOLL, Professor of Surgery, Guy's Hospital, 10 Gilkes Crescent, SE21. From Mr T. R. Beatson

Sir, Might I be allowed to comment on your leading article (December 27) on the hospital consultant's con-

It is not only the BMA, but also the Hospital Consultants and Spe-cialists Association, of which I have the honour to be president, which is advising its 5,000 members to work to their contractual hours as from January 2. The reason is not, as you suggest, that our "relative status" has declined; we have enough confidence in the skills and judgment which it has taken us many years to acquire to be sure that our real status will never decline.

Nor is the dispute mainly about money. Of course we deserve to be better paid for the work that we do. Which other section of the community would tolerate being paid for 31; or 38; hours work a week while working for over 50. week while working for over 60 hours and being on emergency call for a further 40 hours? We are also sufficiently aware of the nation's economic situation to consider it monstrous that the latest government proposals offer up to 50 per cent more pay to a consultant if he will agree not to heal the sick in his

spare time. The real issue is about the continuance of medicine in Great Britain as an independent profession, exercised by men and women whose only obligations are to their patients and their code of ethics, and not to the state. Mrs Casile (to quote from one of her department's recent papers) would like to see us employed on the same terms as civil servants and soldiers. We have seen amough of both these professions to enough of both these professions to believe that none of our parients would benefit from the consequences if the Secretary of State had her way in this matter.

On the Friday before Christmas, Mrs Castle presented us with a "rake it or leave it" proposal which set at naught months of negotiation with her junior minister. Dr David Owen. chairman of the Working Party on Consultant Contracts. That proposal did not in strict terms "impose" a fully salaried health service on us— had it done so, you would apparently have thought our action justified. It sought to achieve the same end by the more subtle but just as effective means of making the alternatives to such a system—other than emigra--financially so unattractive to consultants that most of us would have no option but to accept the state's strait-jacket. If the effect is the same, does it marrer that the means are unfair financial induce-

ments rather than imposition? Such a proposal is wholly unacceptable to British doctors. While we find it deeply sad to be compelled to take steps which we abhor, we are left with no alternative other than resignation from the National Health Service—and it may well come to this. Mrs Castle has only herself to blame. As we told her over and over again, there are no differences between us which cannot be resolved by responsible nego-tration if—but only if—she is willing to abandon a position which rests on nothing more than party political dogma, and furthers neither the interests of our patients nor the efficiency of the National Health Service. On our side, we ask only for the rights enjoyed by every other working man in this country, those of being paid for work we do and of employing ourselves in our spare

time as we see fit In short, our hospitals are for the practice of medicine and not for ideological experiment. Yours faithfully,

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The trial of Dr Sbtern From Mr Boris Antonov

Sir, I have read the letter by Michael Sherbourne you published (December 20), and decided that you probably do not have all the information. I see it is difficult for you to judge from London whether witness Guzhva cursed Dr Shtern for swindling and deception or sang praises to him as the best of all doctors. But I think you will agree with me that no person can be declared not guilty a priori, withour even knowing what he is charged with.

Yet, it was precisely so on the part of Bernard Levin and those who look to his article as the gospel with look to his a title as the gusper truth. Mind you, even before the trial began in Vinnitsa, the Shtern case, in general a run-of-the-mill case about swindling and bribe extortion, was raised to the rank of epoch-making ones, "the like of which has not been seen in the which has not been seen in the civilized world for some five or six centuries" (I quote Levin). Even before the preliminary investigation was completed and the indictment drawn up, in Britain and indeed in other countries, actions in defence of Shtern were organized. Those who spoke claimed in advance that Shtern was absolutely innocent. The possibility of Shtern being guilty at all was rejected out of hand. There are still many letters, petitions and memos arriving in Vinnitsa, in which Shtern is announced as not subject to law simply because he is

Such an approach to Shtern's case. I believe, goes beyond the bounds of common sense. In my accounts from Vinnitsa which were forwarded to you I wrote only about what I had seen and heard. The

court is hearing the case publicly. But there is a group of people who are sending abroad deliberately distorted information about the triai. This is being done to arrange for pressure from abroad on the course of the proceedings and the verdict.

Knowing this, I was not surprised

to see 19 witnesses, who in the first three days of the trial gave evidence fully exposing Mikhail Shtern as having exacted bribes and having swindled, turning in Mr Sherbaurne's letter into a phote sizelet bourne's letter into a choir singing lauding chants for Shtern. Nor did I find it astonishing that in Sher-bourne's letter the medical forensic commission led by Andrei Efimov, chief endocrinologist of the Ukraine, had become suddenly transformed into a commission headed by a cer-tain Dr Kaminetsky and had "vindicated" Shtern. (The following is the composition of the experts' commission appointed by the court after Professor Kutchuk was challenged: Professor Efimov and Drs Kuperschmidt, Olnev and Darienko. The neuropathologist Kaminetsky had nothing to do with the experts' commission.)
As for Professor Kutchuk, I told about his being challenged without naming him. I consider that to do so, as Mr Sherbourne did in his

letter, is tantamount to libel. At the same time, I cannot fail to express my satisfaction; my opponents are no longer claiming that Shtern is being tried children poisoning". Respectfully yours. BORIS ANTONOV, APN commentator. Novosti Press Agency, Pushkin Square,

Planning delays

From Mr F. M. M. Lowes Sir, Your recent correspondence on this subject has revealed only one side of the question. Anyone who has been on a Development Committee during the past few years will be well aware of the increase in public concern about planning.

The inhabitants of a town will no longer accept, and rightly, skylines breached by straggles of houses, trees torn down unnecessarily, estate roads at gradients of one in five, thatched cottages with picture windows or excrescences on the back of terrace houses overpowering their neighbours' gardens, to name just a few of the things we have recently been asked to allow. Some of these matters are major issues, some are mipor, except to the man next door. welcome public interest-

indeed we stimulate it by advertising all planning applications. We accept that people feel deeply about these things. One does not encourage delays, but one must realize that the care with which planners and development committees must watch over the face of our towns costs not only money but time. I have seen too many awful suggestions in planning applications over the past eight years to believe that we dare relax. Indeed for the sake of the citizens of our towns both today and in the future, we should tighten our con-Yours etc.

Moscow. December 23.

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Human rights in European law

Sir, It is very disturbing to read that the Commission of the European Consumnities is threatening the German Government as a result of the decision of the German Constitutional Court in the Internationale Handelsgesellschaft case. That it should be worried is understandable, for it is not nice to have regulations which it has drafted tested against human rights provisions in a national constitution, especially when the Community has not yet developed its own Bill of Rights. Eur in fact the judgment of the Constitutional Court is an extremely careful and wise interim solution to an insoluble problem that one had hoped would eventually be transcended through the European Court of Justice—the problem of the conflict between universal validity of Community legislation and the conflictions and the conflictions of the conflictio and the constitutionally entrenched fundamental rights of the citizen. a conflict in which we, freshly under the impact of Lord Justice Scarman's far-sighted Hamlyn Lectures, can hardly afford to be complacent. The Constitutional Court, in the best tradition of postwar German justice, has a very close concern with the rights and liberties of the individual and was not prepared to see them surrendered by a mere treaty-ratification Act of the treaty-ratification Act of the Federal Parliament—at least, not unless the Community itself were to accept an equivalent duty to

As there is no written Bill of Rights in the Community treaties, it is only the European Court which can develop such protection through its case law; and in fact it had, within a few days of the German judgment, got so far as impliedly to accept the principle that the rights contained in the European Convention on Human Rights are enforceable in the Community legal

The trouble is that the European Court has shown, both in that case (Nold) and in its earlier decision in Handelsgesellschaft itself, a tender-ness towards public expediency which does not go far to inspire confidence that it will truly protect the individual. It is that doubt which lies at the very heart of the German judgment (and of that of the court

If the European Court could show within the coming months, in a sufficiently strong test case, that it

From Mr Neville March Humnings

was prepared if need be to place human rights even above the Com-munity then the problems would almost certainly dissolve away. That such protection is necessary is shown by the Commission's attitude to the German judgment and its attempt to belittle the issues and its attempt to belittle the issues. raised in it. It was not a trivial matter. The estreated deposit was some 53,000 (DM17,026), not the 1300 your reporter was told (this represented some 8,000 tonnes of maize groats remaining unexported out of the 20,000 tonnes on the licence); there had been a long series of similar cases before the same first instance court, all involving varying degrees of injustice, which the European Court dismissed in a rather cavalier way. The deposit system turns an export licence from a mere authorization, even upon conditions, into an onerous burden on the trader if something should go wrong, and such trivial events as a 24-hour delay in customs clearance can involve loss of the whole deposit; and the aim of this system of "fines" is to force traders to carry out their stated export (and import) intentions to the letter so that the Commission's trade statistics and thus its advance predictions will

It is easy to imagine the Commission's indignation if member governments attempted to influence the rulings of the European Court of Justice by means of political pressure. It is even more improper in the present case where the Constitutional Court, a supreme tribunal of particularly high standing and in a judgment which can stand comparison with the best decisions of the United States Supreme Court, is being politically attacked not for hindering the application of Com-munity laws (it in fact upheld them) but for claiming the right to examine them in case at some time one of them might in fact infringe the fun-damental rights of the citizens whom it is its very task to protect. The danger of this attack on the inde-pendence of the judiciary can hardly be over-emphasized and it can only be deplored that the Commission has seen fit to take such a rash and unprecedented step. Yours faithfully.

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Housing the homeless

From Mr Christopher Booker and Mr Bennie Gray

Sir, With respect to your editorial on December 17, two things have become supremely clear about the present appalling homelessness crisis. The first is that the only conceivable way the crisis can quickly and practicably be alleviated is to make some equation between the 100,000 people who are homeless and the total of anything up to 1,000,000 houses and flats that are lying empty and useless.

The second is that it is no good looking to Britain's local authorities for the solution, since they are themselves as much responsible for creating the crisis as anyone. In London alone, anything up to half the 100,000 empty properties actu-ally belong to local authorities who in many cases are making the problem worse by crazy redevelopment programmes. Thousands of flats and houses bought under recent "municipalization" schemes (some in first-class condition) are standing empty, simply because local authorities do not have the resources or determination to get

them into use. This is an almost unbelievable national scandal. You rightly suggest that a part of the solution must be to create a special legal device to enable landlords to allow their

property to be used, in the know-ledge that they will be given guaranteed vacant possession when it is actually needed. But when you also suggest that the job of filling empty properties be given to these same astonishingly complacent and inefficient local authorities, we could not differ with you more

strongly. The thought of creating yet another bureaucratic monster, specially to tackle this crisis, is indeed depressing. But a Housing Emergency Office (as suggested by Shelter) or an Empty Housing Agency tos we ourselves have proposed) need not be such a monster. All that is required is to find some way of harnessing the abundance of energy and expertise which already exists in the Housing Association movement, and in other local organivarious. Civen the legal powers and the money, we have confidence that the housing associations (comprising more than 20,000 people) could solve Britain's homelessness crisis in little more than a year. Make no mistalie, the self-esteem of a number of local authorities might have to be punctured in the process. But it can and must be done. Yours faithfully,

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Care of works of art

From Mr Theodore Crombie

Sir, Mr Hugh Leggatt's article (December 27) is a timely reminder of the dilatoriness of the present Government in facing up to the immense problems surrounding the housing and conservation of the growing number of works of art in our public collections. They cannot claim to have been taken by sur-prise, for as long ago as 1950 a distinguished curator. Mr Murray Pease, of the Metropolitan Museum, could write in a UNESCO publica-tion that "a flourishing public interest in museums and museum policies has emphasized the desir-ability of broader scope and en-

larged public services. At the same time current econo mic trends have conspired to enlarge public collections and to reduce available operating budgets". And this was 25 years ago, long before a mooted wealth tax that would clearly transfer a flood of already fast deteriorating works of art to national and local authorities, mostly quite unequipped to house and care for them! I speak from personal experience of hundreds of good paintings in private ownership which owing to existing taxation, inflation and a shortage of restorers are not receiving the attention they deserve. Yours faithfully, THEODORE CROMBIE, 133 Old Church Street, SW3. December 27.

Siege of Ladysmith

From Mr Cecil Nurcombe Sir, In his review of Kenneth Griffith's book on the siege of Ladysmith (December 16), Mr Pakenham criticizes Sir George White for defending the fount. It is, of course, customary today to denigrate past heroes, but in this case the views expressed are in conflict with the conclusions of those who fought there.

I had many interesting and dispassionate discussions with good triends who were in the Boer commandos that invaded Natal in 1899. They took place more than lifty years ago when I was in the Eastern Transyaal, and when their memories were quite fresh. They held the view that General Joubert was too old to command and that a younger man might have exploited their remarkable mobility by screening

off Ladysmith and pressing on ro Durhan, the only port in Natal available for landing the British reinforcements then at sea. But. they agreed that to press on in that difficult country with Ladysmith blocking the way would have been a formidable task. In short, Ludy-

smith wrecked their plans. Those opinions were shored by other friends who had fought with the British in Natal, and some letters written by relatives in Pietermaritzburg at that time and recently discovered expressed the view that their survival depended on the heroic defence of Ladysmith. Yours faithfully. CECIL NURCOMBE, Oaktrow,

Timberscombe. Minchead, Somerset. December 18.

Public lending right

From Sir Brian Batsford Sir, I do not argue with my old friend Sir Robert Lusty over the need for some form of public lending right, but I do challeage his assertion (December 23) that "no author is at the mercy of his publisher."

With a few notable exceptions I would suggest that authors have always been shobbily treated by publishers and still are. That is why lishers and still are. That is why they have to employ literary agents to acquiate with publishers on their behalf.

There would be far less need for such devices as public lending right if publishers recognized that profits from successful books should be more fairly shared with other mem-bers of the book trade—esperially guthors and booksellers. Yours faithfully.

PRIAN BATSFORD. 19 Norfolk Road, NW8,

Cars in city centres From Mr J. M. Milner

Sir. Congestion, noise, furnes, delay, fuel wastage and car bombs—ought we to impose severe restrictions on the entry of private cars into city centres : Yours faithfully,

J. M. MILNER, City Architect and

Planning Officer. City of Cambridge, The Guildhall, Cambridge.

COURT **CIRCULAR**

UCKINGHAM PALACE tecember 29: Divine Service was eld in Sandringham Church this torning. The sermon was preached to the Reverend Alan Glendining.

he oyster and Guinness luncheon eld at Fishmongers' Hall on ovember 19 raised over 52,750 or Oueen Elizabeth's Foundation or the Disabled.

Forthcoming narriages

or J. C. Byrt and Miss M. Bunting The engagement is announced the letween John Clare, only sun of the C. G. Byrt and the late Mrs Syrt, of Bristol, and Margaret, only daughter of Mr and Mrs P. J. Junting, of Bromley, Kent.

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ir R. A. D. Pugb and Miss K. R. Maxwell

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Dr and Mrs David W. Pugh, of 38 Sion Hill, Bath, Avon, and Kate, daughter of Rear-Admiral and Mrs T. H. Maxwell, of Middle Twinhoe, Bath, Avon.

Bir A. P. Regan and Miss B. J. Stevens

The engagement is announced between Anthony, eldest son of the and Mrs B. P. Regan, of Cotheridge Castle Hill. Brenchley, thent, and Barbara, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. V. Stevens, of Reighton Buzzard.

Mr P. J. Simmonds and Miss D. J. Wakeling

The engagement is announced between Peter John, youngest son of the late Mr R. A. C. Simmonds and of Mrs Simmonds, of Cookbam Dean, Berkshut, and Deborah Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs E. G. Wakeling, of Grange Park, London, N21.

Birthdays today

Mr Anthony Cripps, QC, 61: Lieutemant-General Sir David Fraser, 74: Viscount Gage, 79: Sir Reginald Gruom, 68: Sir Richard Harper, 72: Air Chief Marshal Sir Edmund Hudleston, 66: Sir John Prideaux, 63: Sir Carol Reed, 68: Sir Albert Robinson, 59: Lord Taylor, 64; Lord Terrington, 59: Sir Henry Wilson Smith, 70.

Marriage

and Miss H. J. Evans The marriage of Air Hugh Cecil Stafford Northcote and Aliss Hilary Jane Evans took place on Saturday. December 28. at St John's at Canterbury and Lambeth Roman Catholic Church, Great heralds a change of style in rela-Harwood. The marriage was cele-brated by Dom Patrick Barry, OSB, headmaster of Ampleforth College. The bride was attended by Miss Clare Parsons, Miss Emma Cooper, Annabel Lightfoot, Anna Hartley, Susanta Hornby, Anastasia Swan and Edward Hurnby. Mr Amyas Stafford Northcote was best man.

Mr H. C. Stafford Northcote

oest man.
A reception was held at Cage
Hill. Storce-by-Chartley, and the
honeymoon is being spent in
North Africa.

Today's engagements

Exhibition: Winslow Honter
watercolours and drawings, Victoria and Albert Museum, South

Kensington, 10-6. Exhibition: The real Dad's Army, exhibits relating to the Home Guard, Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, Southwark, 10-

Exhibition: The Maya, their art and culture, Museum of Man-kind, 6 Burlington Gardens. Piccadilly, 10-5.

Exhibition: Collecting Face, Vic-torian photographs and albums, National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place, Trafalgar Square,

The forthright role that Dr Coggan foresees

little in the New Testament which to make casual unequivocally commits the church to involve itself in secular affairs, to have a "social conscience" on plainly political matters.

Indianal Cosmel toward and make worthless, in the committee of By Clifford Longley Religious Affairs Correspondent The arrival of a new archbishop tions between the Church of England and the society which surrounds it, for Dr Coggan is by

Indeed, Gospel texts can be quoted to show that the Christian's duty is to stand aloof from politics, to render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and be content with one's lot. By going back into the Old Testament for his inspirasey would have been reticent. In spite of his school-masterly manner Dr Coggan sees himself with a role rather like that of an Old Taxament manhatt and a cold tion, Dr Coggan has drawn atten-tion to a more ancient scriptural basis for involvement with and judgment upon the affairs of the Testament prophet; an Amos, say, who has no need to mince his words in denouncing immorality. words in denouncing immorality.

Although Dr Coggan is of the evangelical tradition in the Church of England he does not identify with the other-worldly, pletistic kind of evangelical churchmanship which sees no role for the church in the affairs of state except a kind of hospital chaplaincy writ large. The evangelical branch of Christianity has often been accused of pursuing the salvation of souls in disregard of social

The controversy over whether the church should have a "social to Gospel", whether it should engaged even at a generalized level in political matters, is by no means confined to the exangelical wing, whether most according even if it is there most acutely felt. It is one of the underlying questions at the Jesuit general congregation now proceeding in Rome; it is central to the debate about the goodness or badness of the World Council of Churches' programme to combat racism.

programme to combat racism.

In any western society in which
the prosperous middle classes make
up the preponderance of church
membership, the cry that "the
church should keep out of
"politics" is invariably heard,
from the ranks if not from the top.

In the St Giles Lecture earlier
this mouth the Rev H. S. Goodwin
declared: "It is astonishing that
so many eminent churchmen. so many eminent churchmen, scholars who would have scorned

matters of theology, or philosophy, or any other of their disciplines, have yet felt able to make worthless, or worse than ciplines, have yet felt able to make worthless or worse than worthless pronouncements in matters political, social, financial, commercial, or industrial. To indulge in this kind of foolishness in the pulpit, or in any situation that seems to give them authority, is a gross abuse of professional

He argued that the "social Gospel" should be judged by its fruits, and of fruits it was

evidently barren.

The alleged inability of churchmen to make meaningful statements on non-ecclesiastical matters may reflect more on their training outlook than on their theo logical competence to do so, how ever. The congress of the world evangelical movement in Lausanne last summer was an occasion of profound heart searching on the question of theological com-petence; by what right could Christians claim to have a special interest in political affairs and a right to judge the actions of politi-·iāns ?

Dr Billy Graham, who presided over the congress and has been severely criticized for failing to condemn American policies in Vietnam, said afterwards that he identified himself with one of the most politically radical of the con-tributors to the congress, a Latin American Evangelical called Rene

Padilla. In this instance and in radical to this instance and in other ways, the Lausanne congress appeared to mark a significant shift in erangelical thinking, a step towards the "social Gospe" deployed so much by Mr. Goodwin.

OBITUARY

day at the age of 88, was before

to the Samaritan Hospital for

Science Tripos in 1908.

bridge, and the FRCS England.

specialist in Egypt and France during 1914-17; being attached successively to the 17th and 2nd

General Hospitals, and after the

war he rapidly acquired a large consulting practice in obstetrics

Royal College of Surgeons.

lege of Obstetricians and Gynae-

museum, which he founded in

Bourne was the author of many valuable contributions to

the literature of his specialty,

his best known writings being A Synopsis of Midwifery and

and gynaecology.

He served as a surgical

Hospital.

Dr Coggan's position, the posi-tion towards which Dr Billy Graham appears to have shifted, the position occupied by the more younger and more rauseal Jestits, inevitably puts the churches in a highly vulnerable struction. It is one thing for church leaders to lecture the world of politics or economics on the principles of social ethics, but in the political market place it is not the political market place it is not lectures that count. Cardinal Heenan oace remarked that he seemed to be assailed by every post by demands that he should demand that he should denounce "everything from Red

Choristers to White cricketers ".

In the same way, it was never enough for his critics that Pope Pius XII denounced anti-semitism, they would have him denounce they would have him denounce Nazi Germany specifically and by name. It is the clamour that they "name names", that they be spe-cific, that church leaders have constantly to face once they give if they plead lack of e-pertise, lack of sufficient information, or simply that it is not their job to be specific, they damage their credibility at every mrn. They are on a hiding to nothing, but perhaps that is their vocation.

An eminent gynaecologist Mr Aleck Bourne, MA, MB, Gunaecology and Recent Ad-FRCS, FRCOG, the eminent vances in Obstetrics and Gunaccology, jointly with Mr Leslie Williams, and, jointly with Sir Eardley Holland, was editor of British Obstetric and Gynaecolo-Eynaecologist, who died on Prihe retired consulting gypaecolo-

MR ALECK BOURNE

gist at St Mary's Hospital and gical Practice. In 1938 Bourne came into the public eye when he operated to terminate the pregnancy of a girl aged 14 years and nine months, who had been criminally assembled and raped by Women and consulting obstetric surgeon to Queen Charlotte's. Aleck William Bourne was ally assaulted and raped by born on June 4, 1886, the only some soldiers in a London barracks. The operation was done in St Mary's Hospital and Bourne himself drew the attenson of the Rev W. C. Bourne, of Barnet. He was educated at Rydal School and at Downing tion of the police to his inter-

College, Cambridge, where he vention. obtained a first class Natural He was tried at the Central Criminal Court in July, 1938, on Entering St Mary's Rospital a charge of procuring abortion and was acquitted. His action was described by the Lancet as "an example of disinterested with a senior university scholarship he qualified as MRCS, LRCP (1910), and from this conduct in consonance with the time until the outbreak of the highest traditions of the pro-1914-18 War held residential fession *

and other appointments at St. Mary's, Queen Charlotte's and the Samaritan. In 1911 he obtained the MB, BCh, Cam-Since the Act of 1361 the only recognized justification for the operation was probable danger to the life of the pregnant woman should the pregnancy be allowed to continue.

Bur in his summing up of Rex v Bourne (1939, I kB, 687)
Macnaghten, J. said: "If the doctor is of opinion, on reasonable grounds and with adequate knowledge, that the probable consequences of the pregnancy will be to make the woman a During his time at Queen Charlotte's, in association with Professor J. H. Burn, he published important original work on uterine action in labour and physical or mental wreck, the physical of mental mech, the jury are quite entitled to take the view that the doctor, who, under these circumstances and in that honest belief, operates, in response to various drugs. He is operating for the purpose of examined in his specialty for the universities of Cambridge preserving the life of the mother."

and Birmingham and for the conjoint diplomas of the Royal College of Physicians and the Bourne was a whole-bearted advocate of state medicine and expounded his views in a Penguin special. Health of the Future (1942), which attracted much attention. He was a man-In 1929 he was elected a foundation Fellow of the Royal Colcologists and was curator of its of wide interests which included literature and his garden. His museum, which he founded in 1938 and built up during the following years. He was president of the Obstetrical and Gynaecological Section of the Royal Society of Medicine in 1938-39. chief sport was racing and deep sea cruising in small yachts.

He was a member of several yacht clubs and in 1933 won the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club's cup for the best craiser of the year without a paid hand. He married in 1912 Bessie, eldest daugnter of Mr G. W. Hayward, of Barnet. There were three daughters of the marriage.

Prince Norihito, the third son of Prince Mikasa, brother of the Emperor of Japan, attired in ceremonial robes, is attended by court officials at his coming of age ceremony at the imperial palace in Tokyo yesterday.

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

Science report Physics: elementary particles

The limelight in particle physics has fallen in recent months on the experimenters who have produced a spectacolar cascade of new parti-cles which have left theorists grop-ing in the dark. Now, however, a revolutionary idea comes from the theorists. Professor Abdus Salam and Dr J. Strathdee of the Inter-various! Centre for Theoretical

others, by means of a very strong magnetic field.

The phenomenon that Professor Salam and Dr Strathdee are concerned with is a kind of "symmetry breaking," which is in some ways comparable to superconductivity in solid state physics and can be treated in an analogous way mathematically.

One of the specific examples they use is the decay of a member of the group of elementary particles called the K mesons, in this case the electrically neutral one known as KO-L This can break up (decay) into a charged pi meson, a charged "lepton" (an electron or a mu meson) and an elusive particle called a neutrino, which has no mass and no charge. Since the K meson in question is uncharged, the pi meson and the lepton that the pi meson and the lepton that result from the decay can either be positive and negative, respec-tively, or negative and positive. Their total charge must add up to

zero. So insuitively one might expect equal numbers of the two possible pairs of particles to result from the decays, but in practice that is not so. There is what is known as a "charge asymmetry" and more of the reactions go one way than the other. What Professor Salam and Dr Strathdee now say is that this asymmetry, which can be under-stood in terms of the abstruse

mathematics of particle physics, could be suppressed by a magnetic field, although greater than any that can be produced in a laboratory ac present. They draw an analogo

nature forthright where Dr Ram-

been accused of pursuing the salva-tion of souls in disregard of social injustice, of ignoring the condition of society through an obsession with individual conversion and, after that, with individual purity of heart.

If this is an exaggeration it Is

not difficult to see how it has come about. Evangelicals are generally distrustful of church tradition or church authority, pre-

ferring to turn wherever possible to Scripture for their inspiration and guidance. And there is very

superconductivity in metals. That effect has associated with it a "critical" magnetic field above and Dr J. Strathdee of the International Centre for Theoretical Physics in Trieste have proposed that u may be possible to "switch off" some of the ways in which elementary particles break up into others, by means of a very strong magnetic field.

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more esoteric ways of generating really high magnetic fields, but only in a very confined space and for a very short period. A powerful laser pulse, for instance, could compress matter that had a magnetic field "locked" into it to such an extent that a field of a thousand million gauss could be produced for a thousand millionth of a county in a succession of the second in a volume of a thousand millionth of a cubic centimetre. How experimentalists could do the tests under those exacting con-ditions, however, is far from clear. By Nature-Times News Service. Nature, December 13 1252, 569 ; 1974). Nature-Times News Service

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University news

Aberdeen Appointments:

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in command of HMS Rodney at the sinking of the Bismarck in the sinking of the Bismarck in German captain, he contrived to 1941, and was subsequently bring the Rodney into the battle Admiral of the British Joint Ser- at precisely the right place and vices Mission in Washington, son was already engaged in the died on Boxing Day. He was 84. Later promotions were as Flag Officer, Iceland, where he estab-

Frederick Hew George Dalrymple-Hamilton was born in 1890, the younger son of Colonel the Hon North Dalrymple-Hamilton, of Bargany, Ayrshire, and grandson of the tenth Earl of Stair. He entered the Britannia as a cadet in 1905 and went to
sea the following year. The first
30 years of his service were
spent mostly in destroyers,
which were always his delight—
thinself with his sary and to
conventional sense of humour;
sea the following year. The first
Sea Lord. Sir Andrew Cumingham; and to the command of
the Tenth Cruiser Squadron in he commanded no fewer than three of them during the First World War; but he also served three spells in the Royal yachts: as sub-lieutenant in the Victoria of the Germans from the ancesand Albert before the First tral home in the Cotentin Penin-War; as lieutenant-commander sula of his French great-grandin the Renown during the Prince of Wales's cruise to India and the Far East in 1921; and again in Victoria and Albert from 1922 to 1924.

ADMIRAL SIR FREDERICK

In 1936, as a captain, he was appointed to command the Royal Naval College at Dartmouth. It was an inspired choice, as many a naval officer who began his career during Dalrymple-Hamilton's three-year tenure will testify. His standards were high, but his touch was light; and he was splendidly supported in this and his subsequent shore appointments by his wife, despite her increasing and eventually total blindness. In some way his years at Darbmouth, with the opportunity they gave him of moulding so many young officers on the eve of the Second

World War, could be considered as his greatest contribution to the Royal Navy. But the real climax of his career came in 1941, when he was commanding the battleship Rodney. She was in North waters when the hunt for the Bismarck began. The

exigencies of "wireless silence"

AMY VANDERBILT

Miss Amy Vanderbilt, America's social arbiter who fell to her death from a window of her New York home on Friday, was a great Anglophile. Her books on etiquette sold in millions and she wrote for hundreds of newspapers. She was Her last trip to London with

her lawyer bushand, Mr Curtis Kellar, was in 1973 when her close friend in England, the publicist, Mr Billy Hamilton, gave a lunch party for her in Mayfair. The main course was a whole turbot, a fish not easily obtained in the United States. Among the guests were John Mills, the actor, and his authoress wife, Mary Hayley Bell. To her host Amy Vanderbilt said: "I will abways think of England on turbet Loke Mills of England as turbot, John Mills because of his wonderful per-formance in Ryan's Daughter, and the good manners encountered everywhere."

Mr Hamilton said yesterday: "Few realized the influence Amy had on American life. I think it is indicative of her that her book Etiquette is standard equipment for American diplomais abroad."

M Ahmed Medeghri, the Algerian Minister of the Interior, who has died, was born in Saida, Western Algeria. He had been Minister of the Interior since Algeria became independent in 1962. except for a short period before former president Alimed Ben Bella's downtall in June

DALRYMPLE-HAMILTON Admiral Sir Frederick Dalmade it impossible to brief him rymple-Hamilton, KCB, who was in detail; but by a series of brilliant deductions concerning the possible intentions of the moment, knowing that his only

lished close relations with the United States Navy, to whose officers he greatly endeared himself with his salty and un-Sea Lord, Sir Andrew Cunning-ham; and to the command of the Tenth Cruiser Squadron in the Home Fleet. In this capacity he supported the invasion of Normandy, and had the satisfaction of witnessing the expulsion

mother the Duckesse de Coigny. In 1945 he became Vice-Admiral, Malta; in 1946, Flag Officer Scotland; and in 1948. Admiral, British Joint Services Mission in Washington. In this his last naval appointment, the friendships he had made in the United States Navy in Iceland and elsewhere stood him in good stead, and his eventual retirement in 1950 after 45 years of varied and distinguished service was regretted in Washington almost as much as in the Royal Navv.

He and his wife had long made their home at Cladyhouse, on the shore of Lochryan near Lochinch; but on the death of his elder brother he succeeded to the old and beautiful house of Bargany in Ayrshire, with its legendary acres of azaleas and rhododendrons.

He married in 1918 Gwendolen, daughter of Sir Cuthbert Peek, Bt, and leaves one son and two daughters. His wife died in November. The son, who succeeds to Bargany, is Captain North Dalrymple-Hamilton. CVO, DSC, MBE, RN.

COSTAS VARNALIS

Costas Varnalis, one of the best known of contemporary Greek poets, has died in an Athens clinic, at the age of 92, barely two hours after receiving in his home the gold medal of the Athens Union of Journalists. It had been awarded in the course of a public ceremony which he felt too weak to attend. . Born in Burgas, Bulgaria, he

studied philosophy at Athens University and became a school-teacher. His first verse was published in 1904. It was not until the early 1920s when he went to the Sorbonne on a scholarship, that he espoused the Marxist ideology and became one of the most remarkable bards of the Greek left. He was awarded the Lenin Peace Prize in the 1950s Persecuted by the right-win-

dictatorship in the mid-1920s ha was disqualified from teaching and so turned to journalism becoming a columnist writing under a pseudonym. His wor! was iconoclastic; it was characterized by a disgust for what he saw as the communion of the petite bourgeoisie and by repeated calls that justice should be accorded to the working man.

. Signor Giuscope Bozza, for mer mayor of the "red bastion. of Bologna" and veteran Italian communist, has died, aged 73. During the Mussolini era un lived in France, Switzerland, Germany and Moscow. He returned to Italy in 1943 after the fall of Mussolini. He was mayou of Bologna 1945-66.



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President Ford axes 5pc surtax from 31-point plan to beat inflation

vail, Colorado, Dec 29.—Presi-lent Ford has killed his pro-lessal for a 5 per cent surtax notal for a 5 per cent surfax and included in a 31-point economic changed since October and there would be important changes said.

The President, now on a called for a substantial tax cut to revive the economy. Inverse

The President, now on a kiing holiday here, reached his lecision because of the changed conomic situation, which finds warsening more wage-price review board that could halt inflationary wage or

Sources said the recession had ecome so severe the President of a tax increase by reducing archasing power would cause urther damage to the economy.
It would have been paid by
amilies carning \$15,000 or
nore a year, and individuals
graing \$7,000 a year.
The President's decision

20,000m for the current year. Mr Ford is to announce a new conomic programme when he opears before Congress in mid-anuary to deliver his State of

ac Union address.
After the President held an ll-day meeting with his econo-iic advisers here yesterday, white House spokesman Mr Advisers—Reuter.

would be "hard and tough".

The economic situation had

ection because of the changed conomic situation, which finds cession worsening more nickly than expected.

Congress had opposed the artax, which would have paid or a \$4,000m (about £1,700m) rogramme enacted recently to novide public service jobs and mproved unemployment computation.

In a television interview

In a television interview programme he declared that a \$25,000m tax cut advocated by some economists would unsettle the economy and business.

The senator also called for an

energy-saving perrol allocation system, like the one used during the Arab oil embargo.

President Ford met his advisors on Saturday. They had neans the cest of anti-reces-ion programmes will increase he federal deficit—already pro-ected unofficially as high as that is serving as the Colorado White House.

Among those at the meeting were Mr William Simon, Treasury Secretary; Mr Arthur Burns, chairman of the Burns, chairman of the Federal Reserve System; Mr Roy Ash, budget director; and Alan Greenspan, chairman the Council of Economic

Redistribution of oil funds the key issue now, Americans say

rom Frank Vogl ashington, Dec 29

The United States Administrain is not changing its mind on is major oil-consuming coun-ies should finance their pay-ents deficits. Senior officials my that there are broad disreements between the Ameriins and other major industrial untries on this subject, spite numerous press reports

the contrary. Members of the Economic kewarm initial response to the cycling facility outlined by Dr enry Kissinger, the Secretary

A warmer response is now spected in Washington as a sult of top-level meetings etween Americans and Euro-ean officials when full details f the proposals were explained. American officials argue that he revenues obtained by oilroducing countries will con-inue to flow back into the markets of the leading consumng countries, as they have done n great measure in 1974. They point out that in the first 11 nonths of this year, at least 10,500m (about £4,600m) of this cash has gone directly to the United States. About \$7,500m went to the United Kingdom and probably \$5,000m has gone o other industrial countries.

In addition, they note that nore than \$2,000m went to leveloping countries and more han \$3,000m to international inancial institutions.

Most of the remainder, they ay, has been directed to invest-nent management accounts in Europe, private sector loans ind purchases of securities and real estate in Europe and Japan. In view of this, the officials stress that the problem is not really one of recycling the funds back from the oil producers to the oil consumers, but rather one of redistributing the funds that have flowed back into the consuming countries.

Main American objection to be proposal pur forward some months ago by Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, for an expanded recycling facility within the Imernational

Monetary Fund, is that the facility would just be tackling a job that normal market mechanisms are doing to some extent already.

To redistribute, or as Treasury officials call it, "re-shuffle" the funds from oil producers in Western markets to those countries with the gravest oil-induced deficits, is seen as a matter best handled by agree-ments among the major industrial countries.

The advantage would be that special rates of interest or loan guarantees would have to be given to the Arabs, as would have to be the case with an IMF facility.

Further, it is pointed out that while the Arabs have placed sufficient funds in Western markets to build a \$25,000m facility on the lines outlined by Dr Kissinger, in all probability they would not be willing to contri bute anything like so much cash irrespective of the yields offered to an IMF controlled

erguments. senior American officials now contend, are being widely accepted in such capitals as Bonn. Paris and Tokyo. One unanswered question, however, is how countries not in the group of majors or who need far more than they can obtain from the Kissinger facility, are to finance their

The Americans now take the rie Americans now take the view that in the first instance part of this problem can be solved by urging the IMF to use to the full its existing lendable resources. Treasury officials say such resources total \$12,000m to \$14,000m in 1975. The sums, they add, can be even larger in later years through increases in the quotas of IMF

Finally, for developing countries unable to pay commercial rates to finance their deficits, the Americans agree there should be a continuation and some expansion of the present

IMF facility. The full debate on those issues will come to the boil at a series of major ministerial meetings in Washington next

Trawlermen in distress call to Government

By Business News Staff

Britain's fishing incustry, already in the grid of the worst crisis it has experienced, is oppealing for the Government to Apport measures designed to stave off a drastic reduction in the size of the fishing fleet. The British Trawlers' Federa-

tion wants more economic prices by adjusting the minimum auction price to more realistic levels. The industry is concerned that this could lead to a flood of imports, and the federation wants the Government to introduce measures to saleguard the position.

Leaders of the federation have suggested that a scheme and be used similar to the one introduced for beef, where the Coverament has in effect under-written the ministem price. Without more remunerative prices the travlermen argue, there must be a sharp reduction vessels in operation. This, it is evitably follow.

claimed, would seriously weaken the United Kingdom's bargain-ing position in negotiations over territorial limits and inter-

national quota levels.

Mr A. W. Suddaby, president of the BTF, underlined the serious nature of the industry's difficulties in a massage amblished ficulties in a message published in the latest edition of Travling Times, the federation's news-

He said : "There is no disguising the fact that the prospect for the coming year is the bleakest we have ever faced and our industry is now entering an era of great change.

"We are going to fight on behalf of the whole nation for the future of the British trawling industry.

"Beyond our immediate financial problems, even bigger political problems are looming, with the almost certain advent there must be a snarp reduction of 200-mile fishing limits and in the number of British fishing the restrictions which must in-

New Soviet outburst on **US Trade** Reform Bill

From Edmund Stevens Moscow, Dec 29

America's Trade Reform Bill, linking most-favoured-nation treatment for the Soviet Union with liberalization of its emigration policy, continues to

Mr Boris Strelnikov, Pravda Washington correspondent, says that the Bill violates both the letter and spirit of the Soviet-American agreement on trade and credits signed at the 1972 Moscow summit.

could have repercussions.

At the same time Mr Strel-nikov reports that publication

By contrast, the publication was welcomed, he said, by Americans who held that Soviet - American relations.

and assure jobs.

He quotes Mr Norris, president of Data Corporation, who told the Senate sub-committee on finance that trade with the Soviet Union could open up tremendous opportunities in the

tremendous opportunities in the next 20 years.

Mr Daniel Goldy, the financier, of Houston, Texas, is quoted as acquaining Congress with the findings of a National Association of Manufacturers poll that 83 per cent of American businessmen favoured expanding trade with favoured expanding trade with Soviet Russia; only 11 per cent were opposed, while 6 per cent

also reports Hubert Humphrey challenged members of Congress who sought to restrict credits to the Soviet Union to name a single instance where the Russians had revered as their philips had reveged on their obligations.

Mr Strelnikov says: "The debate in Congress on the Trade
Bill and extension of the franchise of the Export-Import Bank has developed into a struggle for those who call for imple-menting the agreement reached with the Soviet Union and those who, from the outset, sought to prevent normalization of economic ties between the two countries . .

The sentiments of Pravda's Washington correspondent, which are doubtless fully shared which are donottess thiny stated not only by his editors but by the Kremlin leadership, reflect a deep resentment of having been double-crossed somehow.

At the same time they are keeping their fingers crossed and their outlons onen in the and their options open in the knowledge that the Bill passed by Congress requires the pre-sidential signature to become law, and that Mr Ford will still have wide powers of discretion, presumably, in the implementa-

It will be up to him to extend r withhold most-favoured-

He gives a warning that "such efforts at gross interfer-ence in Soviet internal affairs"

of the Tass agency declaration rejecting concessions on emigration and of the letter from Mr Gromyko, the Foreign Minister, to the same effect made a big impression in the United States, confounding those who sought to misrepresent the Soviet position.

especially in trade matters, should be based on equality and non-interference in each other's affairs.

Mr Strelnikov points out that though the two nations reached accord on eliminating dis-criminatory trade restrictions in 1972, Congressional action on the agreement was held up more than 20 months. During this time, he adds, top Ameri-can businessmen and financiers have been urging Congress that trade with the Soviet Union would guarantee stability

The Pravda correspondent lso reports that Senator

nation status

Japan's economic planners predict that real domestic growth will improve 4.3 pc next year

for joint iron ore plant

Tokyo, Dec 29

As the Japanese look back on the past 12 months, which saw the country's booming economy crash to an estimated growth rate of minus 2 per cent, the nation was given some hope this weekend that the New Year might prove more auspicous.

Mr Takeo Fukuda, deputy prime minister, told the cabinet that Japan's growth rate will inat Japan's grown rate will begin to pick up within the next six months.

The Japanese saw their balance of payments position move out of the red for the third consecutive month, according to the latest official statistics for November

for November.
Mr Fukuda, who is in charge of the economic planning agency, was submitting a report on Japan's economic future. He

rise to 15.9 per cent in nominal terms or 4.3 per cent in real terms.
He pointed out the report was based on the assumption year would remain at the same level of the 288 million kilo-litres acquired in 1973 and that

consumption would remain at 259 million kilolitres.

steel stockist

Quotation in the shares of

Marine Firminy, the steel hold-ing company, will be restored this morning after the with-

drawal of two other French

steel producers, Denain Nord-Est Dongwy Usinor, and the

Wendel group, from the battle

Dealings had been suspended last Monday on instructions from the Paris Stock Brokers

The Brussels Commission, on an action by the Belgian Empain-Schneider group, which

has a 32 per cent stake in Marine-Firminy, stepped in on Friday to stop what it regarded

as a sterile financial contest be-tween the two steel giants. It

forbade Wendel to purchase any further shares—it had already built up a holding of 20 per cent

—and instructed Usinor to sus-pend its takeover bid, au-nounced on December 2.

Underlying the battle is the control of Creuzot-Loire, the

leading French manufacturers

tors. Empain-Schneider has a 50 per cent stake in the com-

pany, with Firminy holding the

company said that it was seeking an arrangement with Wendel to pool forces "in order to
put an end to the difficulties of
management of Firminy and
thus enable the firm and its sub-

sidiaries, notably Creuzot-Loire, to proceed with their expan-

Final word lies with the French government, which must be highly embarrassed with

the case because it had actively

encouraged the Usinor takeover bid. It remains to be seen

whether it considers that the readiness of Empain-Shneider group to leave leadership of

Creuzot-Loire to Wendel is a

sufficient guarantee that a key stake in the French nuclear in-

dustry does not pass into foreign hands.

At the weekend the Belgian

of containers for Ducie

other half.

shares lifted

From Charles Hargrove

Paris, Dec 29

for control.

Association.

predicted the growth rate dur-ing the coming fiscal year would

The government will continue to maintain a tight money policy as its chief weapon against inflation. Setting out the government's long term objectives, the report suggested the government should introduce other fiscal measures to keep the rate of inflation below 10 per cent by the end of the coming fiscal year.

Industries which have been hit particularly hard by the current recession will be given special assistance and consideration.

As a result the problems of As a result the problems of unemployment—nearly a million are expected to be obless before the end of the current fiscal year—would improve marginally by 0.4 per cent during the next fiscal year, Mr Fukuda said.

The report claims the sluggish rate of personal consump-tion, a key factor behind the slump in Japan's growth rate, will improve by 18.6 per cent in nominal terms or 6 per cent in real terms during the next fiscal

Investments in private hous-ing, industrial plants and equip-ment will pick up after April, the report adds.
The coming year should also

Joint investment in a girect reduction plant to provide iron for steelmaking will be con-sidered shortly by Britain's private sector steel producers.

During the past year, member companies of the British Inde-pendent Steel Producers Asso-ciation (BISPA) have been in-

volved in cooperative exercises

to evaluate means by which directly reduced iron night be provided to the private sector in Britain as an alternative raw material to scrap.

Direct reduction of iron ore

provides pellets which are an ideal substitute for prime quality scrap for special steelmakers. A number of plants are already in operation in Europe

and the United States and other

countries, but none is in opera-tion in the United Kingdom.

BISPA has received an in-

terim report from outside con-sultants which indicated that a

project would be practicable, and a number of its members have since formed a working

party to examine the economic

and logistic factors involved in

have engaged Atkins Planning

to carry out a further study dealing with the best location

and raw material source. Their

An economic panel to advise

In a statement, the chamber

said that London was still

trying to act as an additional bridge between the City and

industry. It also wanted to ventilate the problems of indus-

try in London and the South

the London Chamber of Com-

Panel to advise

of Commerce

Chamber

By Malcolm Brown

report is expected to be con-sidered early next year and the of scrap.

setting up such a plant.

Paris ban on Private steel project

By Peter Hill

cial year, it says. Future exports will amount to \$67,000m and imports to \$61,800m during the period.

However, Japan's current account will run at a deficit of \$1,700m because of the weak position in invisible trade such as tourism and insurance, the report predicts. In the meantime Mr Toshio

In the meantime Mr Toshio Komoto, Japan's Minister of Trade and Industry, revealed that the government would embark upon a five-year plan during the coming fiscal year to build up the country's reserve stocks of oil. Under Mr Komoto's plan, stated by Mr Y. Nakasone, his predecessor. Japan will inhis predecessor, Japan will increase its oil reserves from a 60 to a 90-day stockpile.

Mr Komoto's ministry will

seek a budget appropriation of £52m from the general account and another £253m from the fiscal loan and investment account next year to initiate the Peter Hill writes: Huge pro-

duction cutbacks are being planned for the first two months of next year by Japan's textile spinners. The reductions in out-put, already being implemented, arise from the recession in the see Japan emerge with a healthy textile industry in Japan which trade surplus of \$5,200m (about is also affecting other countries.

BISPA members involved will

then decide what further co-operative steps might be taken

Ayrshire, with a production capacity of 800,000 tonnes. It is

scheduled to be operational by 1977.

which is involved in the con-struction of a deep water facility for iron ore at Hunters-

ton, announced in October that it had bought more than 1,000

acres of land at Hunterston. It

is also planning two direct re-duction plants there together

with an electric arc furnace in-

volving an investment of more

The BSC has indicated to BISPA that it would be willing

to consider some form of co-operation with the private sec-

tor in the provision of directly

reduced iron and supplies from the planned BSC facility. This

will be among the options considered by the BISPA companies. There is also the possibility of some form of international collaboration

The increased interest in direct reduction has been

heightened by the inability of

the BSC to meet demand over

the past year and the shortage

The British Steel Corporation,

Japan's Fair Trade Commission has approved cartel attangements for the two months ending in February, following requests from the Japan Spinners and Japan Wool Spinners Associations, which had sought uniform production cutbacks for a six month period.

a six-month period.

The 168 members of the associations will cut out 35 per cent of all their spindles for the two mouth period and introduce several full day holidays which will reduce average production of cotton and synthetic yarns by 37.8 per cent and worsted yarns by 40 per cent.

The Fair Trade Commission has rejected a request from the industry that the cartel arrangements should extend to a freeze on inventory levels and impositional transfer of the cartely area. sition of coordinated restric-tions on domestic shipments. It noted that inventories of

cotton yarn in Japan had risen by 26,000 metric tons by the end of October from 8,000 tons at the end of January. Wool stocks had risen from 20,000 tons at the end of January to 33,000 tons by August.

Demand for yarn, according to the FTC, was likely to rise again in the near future and it did not plan to approve any further extension to the twomonth production cartel.

skills' call to builders

to fulfill the project.

In June plans were announced by a Scottish consortium to build a 220m direct reduction plant at Hunterston,

seas orders to the value of £536m. I would like to see this figure multiplied by five by 1976. I believe we can do this if we tackle the job with the will to succeed", he said.

workload to relieve the situation. We must therefore look to those countries which want building work done—notably the Middle East and Brazil.

themselves in working overseus. possibly by way of construction consortia. Hitherto, a full programme of work at bome has kept these firms fully occupied. and only the very large conother countries-with considerable success."

pated through a falling workload at home.

to hear from any firm interested in transferring some of their resources and capacities to countries where building work is going ahead", he said. "In this way, the opportunities for congestion surcharge from par industry to contribute to Britain's export drive are considerable."

or the South and South and

'Export your

Mr Roger Foster, president of the National Federation of Building Trade Employers, believes that the British building industry could increase overseas business fivefold next

"Last year our building and sub-contracting firms won over-

"Our industry is now working well below capacity and there does not appear to be much chance of a rapid upturn in the

"I am hoping that our medium-sized firms will interest

"I should therefore be glad

radio station franchises By Patricia Tisdali Preliminary interviews are to be held next month by the Independent Broadcasting Authority for the remaining stations in the independent radio network. Franchises have

yet to be granted to contractors for Belfast, Ipswich, Wolver-hampton and Reading. The authority is rushing through vetting procedures to enable the stations to meet the Government-imposed deadline and get on the air by the end of next year. The network has been frozen at 19 stations instead of the 60 cuvisaged by the Conservative government, until after the Annan Committee on

the future of broadcasting has IBA representatives will in-terview the contenders for Wolverhamoton on January 7, Ipswich on Junuary 14 and Bel-fast on Junuary 21. The timetable allows only a few weeks after the final date for applica-tions to be evaluated before the

Despite lower than antici pated advertisement bookings and higher establishment costs met by London Broadcasting and Capital Radio, the two London pioneer stations, there appears to be no shortage of prospective backers for commercial radio. In every region except Wolverhampton there has been more than one contender for the contract.

Mr John Whitney, managing director of Capital Radio, which is looking for extra contribu-tions from shareholders to compensate for substantial over-spending in the inaugural period, says there are plenty of offers of funds. Capital has closed its news

room and from the beginning of next year will rely solely on the LBC originated Independent Radio News service. The closures created a saving of more Extra funds are also needed to publicize a change from Capital's current temporary wavelength to a new and personal temporary wavelength to a new and personal temporary wavelength as the radio districts.

manent place on the radio dial next year. Several major outside concerns are understood to be interested in providing the additional finance, including pub-lishers Morgan-Grampian, which was part of an unsuccessful consortium competing for the general entertainment radio franchise in London before Capital's appointment.
Talks with interested share-

holders are in progress and according to Mr Whitney a decision is expected within a few weeks. Iuitial shareholders in Capital include Dominfast with 32.5 per cent, Local News of London with 15 per cent of London with 15 per cent, Rediffusion with 15 per cent. cent and The Observer with 8.5 per cent. It is not yet known whether all the extra funds now needed will come from these.

Beira freight charges up 30pc next month

Member shipping companies of the South and South East

The Times Awards for the best advertisement of a company's results to appear in 1974.

The closing date (31st December) for the 1974 Award Scheme is now very close and we would like to remind those companies wishing to take part in the competition that they must submit their entries by 6th January at the latest. No further entries will be accepted.

after this date. Entries should be sent to:-Michael Mander, Advertisement &

Marketing Director, The Times Awards, The Times, New Printing House Square, London WC1X 8EZ. Entries will be judged later in January, and awards will be presented.

by The Times at the conclusion of the

competition.

Guyana's sugar workers share record £1m bonus

From Our Correspondent

bonus for the spring crop, brought the total bonus to

North Sea oil will save Britain

North Sea oil will save Britain about £175m in foreign exchange next year. It is estimated that 5 million tons of oil, 5 per cent of the nation's needs, will be brought ashore from the first five fields to come into production.

Originally it had been hoped that 1975 would have seen a quarter of the oil being "home produced", but slippages in pro-

produced", but slippages in pro-grammes because of shortages of supplies, late deliveries of

equipment and bad North Sca weather meant this figure had

to be revised in the autumn.

Oil imports now cost £10m a
day. The first of the five oil-

day. The first of the five oil-fields to come into production is the Argyll field, which from

the new starting date of March

should build up quickly to an average daily production of 30,000 barrels. The oil is to be shipped from a drilling rig converted into a production system direct to Britain by tanker.

direct to Britain by tanker.

EP's giant Forties Field, 110

Guyana's Sugar Producers' Mr Winslow Carrington, Labour Workers would receive an unprecedented \$G5.5m (more than precedented \$G5.5m (more than precedented \$G5.5m (more than precedented \$G5.5m (more than precedented \$G5.5m (more than precedent \$G5.5m (mor together and by far the largest union representing sugar workers, welcomed the bonus

mael, president of the Man Power Citizens' Association, the and praised the Sugar Produ-cers' Association's successful management, the workers' per-formance and the Government's

received for the past three years

precedented \$65.5m (more than \$1m) payout in production bonuses for 1974. The association said workers would shortly receive more than \$G4m in production bonuses for the autumn crop which, to-gether with the production

This was more than workers 1972.

initiative. This year's crop yielded 340,000 tons. The workers will also receive \$G800,000 in profit-sharing for

with industry's attitude to the recent Budget. North Sea will save £175m imports

miles off Aberdeen, should be next on stream. Forcies has a production capacity of 400,000 barrels a day, one-fifth of the United Kingdom's daily needs, when all four production platforms are in operation.

forms are in operation.

In August output should begin from the first two platforms installed last summer. The other platforms will not be ready until next summer.

BP is hoping that in August, output should be around 60,000 barrels a day, building up to 250,000 b/d by the spring of 1976.

The small Auk field, with Shell and Esso operating jointly, is expected to begin producing 40,000 barrels a day in the second half of next year. The Beryl field, northermost of those to come into production next year and situated north-east of the Orkney Islands,

should come on stream late in the year.
The American Mobil company

has a 50 per cent stake in Beryl, two other United States Companies 20 per cent each, and British Gas a 10 per cent share. A concrete production platform for the field is being built in Norway and is due for installation in the early sum-mer.

A specially designed 80,000-A specially designed 80,000ton tanker being built in Japan
will bring the oil ashore from
the platform, which has its own
storage facilities. The Beryl
field peak production—this will
not be reached in 1975—is
150,000 barrels a day.

Occidental, chief partner in the Piper field, hopes oil will flow by pipeline to Florta in flow by pipeline to Flotta in the Orkneys by late next year. Piper too will slowly build up to a peak production of 250,000 barrels a day in 1976-1977. Texaco find: Texaco has announced a significant discovery of oil in a test drilling rig 116 miles north east of Aberdeen.

Bank of England policies at odds, broker contends

W. Greenwell and Co, the City stockbroking firm, says the Bank of England is pursuing merce and Industry on the conflicting financial policies. whole field of economic and

In its monthly monetary bulle-in, Greenwell says: "It is rin, Greenwell says: "It is ironic that while the right hand of the Bank of England is workindustrial policy has been set ing energetically to shore up the present financial system, the left hand of the Bank of England is contributing to the Britain's leading industrial centre, but its manufacturing

continuation of the financial pressures." companies needed more encouragement and a "better hear-If the money supply continued to contract in real terms at the The panel, which will be chaired by Mr F. H. Tate, vice-chairman of Tate & Lyle, will stock and property markets would continue, the report goes on. But for a rescue operation organized by the Bank of Engexamine such matters as industrial finance and the effects of taxation on small companies. land, a financial crash of 1929 dimensions would have occurred by now.—AP-Dow Jones. A spokesman said last night

Chile to denationalize 12 state-owned banks

Santiago, Dec 29.—Chile's military government is to sell 12 state-owned banks to private interests. It will also transfer shares held by the state in six Early next year the chamber is to start publishing a regular "trend survey", based on the similar operation undertaken by other banks to private hands, and allow foreign banks 10 the German chambers of com-merce. The first, to be pub-lished on January 2, will deal operate again, according to an official decree. The bank shares will be sold gradually through the stock market at an early date.—

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Lending rate 11½ pc

Company Meeting Report:

The Bank of England's mini mum lending rate is unchanged this week at 111 per cent. The following are the results of Friday's Treasury Bill Tender:
Applications
2582.6m Allotted 228 Elds at 297.255% Received Prev wk 297.255% Average rate Previous Rio. 9427 .
Next Fri 1200m Replace 2100m

cerns have gone after work in Evening Standard with 11 per Mr Poster said it would be a tragedy if hard-won building skills were allowed to be dissi-

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

World markets and economic prospects

There was a strong consistency of a fall in consumer spending the prospects for corporate in the performance of leading stock markets in 1974, typified by an average fall of around 30 per cent in North America, Europe and Australia. The much sharper fall of 54 per cent in London to drop exceeded only in Hongkong) tells its own story of Britain's economic prospects in 1975. Brazil apart, Frankfurt was the only market to escape an overall fall in 1974 which points to the underlying resilience of the German economy. Likewise Johanneshurg's relatively modest fall of 131 per cent over the year reflects the basic strength of the South African economy, Most markets, nowever, enter 1975 overhung hy fears of continuing high inflation, low growth, declining world trade and continued high

Wall Street

Wall Street displayed marked resilience during 1974 in the face of Watergate and the inter-rational energy and monetary crises. However, the market enters 1975 heavily overhung by fears of yet another Middle East crisis. The oil issue dominated sentiment at the start of last year but the ending of the Arab oil cutback in the spring had already been discounted firs and brought little relief to the

> As the Prime Rate moved up to a peak of around 12 per cent by mid year the Dow Jones dipped. Then heavy rains, followed by drought, brought fears of high food prices and reduced consumer spending. Wall Street looked poised for a takeoft for the brief period when it appeared that former President Nixon might survive Watergate, though this brief rally petered out on his resignation.

His successor's anti-infla-tionary package in October produced another rally though institutions again took advantage of it to offload stock into the market as in previous 1974 ral-

Dow Jones Industriel Average 1974 Opening level 850: closing 605. Fall 28.5 per cent. High (low) 892 (578).

Johannesburg

Johannesburg held up better in 1974, largely because of the underlying resilience of the South African economy. The impact of the energy crisis was attenuated by the fact that 70 per cent of the energy base is supplied by coal.

Another principal supporting factor was the rise in the gold price during the year, from \$112 an ounce to around the \$190 level. News at the end of the year of the Franco-American agreement to value official holdings of gold at current prices saw the market higher too.

The big factor, however, be-hind a 25 per cent rise in the RDM Index between October and December was the progress towards a settlement between Rhodesia and its black African neighbours.

Rand Daily Mail Industrial Index 1974. Opening level 223: closing 193. Fall, 13.5 per cent. High (low) 270 (154).

Toronto

Toronto broadly followed the profile of Wall Street last yeardownward, though with a few brief technical railies. Canadian stock markets had their own worries to contend with, however, not the least being the rise in the Prime Rate from 9! per cent in the first quarter to a peak of 11; per cent in the third. Prime Minister Trudeau's sug-

gestion that he might limit oil exports to the United States brought fears of retaliation over the Auto Pact.

Like that in the United States, Canadian industry is now diagnosed to be in a "classical inven-tory recession" and whether profits can hold up in the face

is the question overhanging the Canadian stock markets in 1975. Toronto Stock Exchange Industrial Index.

1974 Opening level 210; closing 154. Fall 26.5 per cent. High (low) 229 (150).

Sydney

Selling of Australian equities by Eritish institutions was one of the factors behind the fall in the Sydney stock markets during 1974. However, high interest rates, a squeeze on the money supply and the general malaise of capitalism were important contributory factors

High inflation—running in the final quarter at an annual rate of over 20 per cent—has helped depress equity senti-ment too, while high interest rates tended to divert savings into the fixed interest sector. Generally the reduced volume

of foreign investment in Australia on fears of a less friendly climate for business there has been bad for the stock markets. Sydney All Ordinaries Index. 1974 Opening level 435: closing 302. Fall 30 per cent. High (low) 536 (259).

Hongkong

The slowdown in world trade been particularly critical international trading margins and liquidity in 1975 are not good. Tokgo Dow Jones Index 1974 Opening level 4300: clos-ing 3880. Fall 10 per cent, High

(low) 4800 (3350).

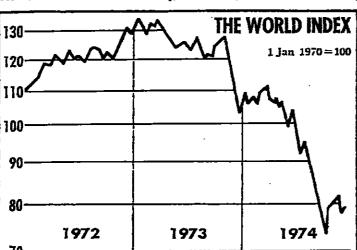
Amsterdam

Ironically the internationalism which Amsterdam boasts among European stock markets was one of the causes of its relatively sharp downfall during 1974. Wall Street selling of stocks like Royal Dutch and Unilever had strong repercussions in Amsterdam while the remaining two of the Dutch big-four international com-panies—Philips and AKZO were both heavily sold because of the declining fortunes of the consumer durables and textiles sectors respectively.

Capital International Index 1974 Opening level 75.3: clos-ing 52.8. Fall 30 per cent. High (low) 77 (55.4)

Frankfurt

Frankfurt was alone among European stock markets in end-ing 1974 around the same level at the start of the year. The market started the year in the doldrums as the full potential impact of the oil crisis on an economy sume 75 per cent oildependent was appreciated However, the trend of heavy



companies in the Far East-a factor which helped bring about heavy falls in the Singapore as Hongkong stock exchange during 1974.

In May the markets in both Hongkong and Singapore rallied quite sharply when the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank once again began accepting equities as collateral for loans. However, the tightening of the money supply in Hongkong, to-gether with the Chinese reversion to their predilection for holding gold, has been a heavy depressant on the stock market. The Hang Seng Index peaked at 1770 in March 1973.

Hang Song Index 1974 Opening level 433: closing 156. Fall 64 per cent. High (low) 470 (150).

Tokyo

The Tokyo stock market has reflected the general bearishness over Japan's heavy depen-dence on high-cost oil imports. June saw a rally in the Tokyo market in the expectation of an easing in the official tight money policy. However, this did not materialize and the market came back again in the final quarter of 1974.

Failure by the Liberal Democratic Party to get its expected majority of seats in the July elections was also bad for market sentiment. Inflation has been pulled back from the startling level of 37 per cent (compared with a year previously) reached early in the year to nearer 20 per cent. However, the spring wage negotiations are linked to inflation and unless the Japanese government 60. Fall 3 can get the rate down further 102 (56).

German trade surpluses seen in 1973 did not peter out as many had expected and the advantages of currency appreciations in cheapening vital imports began to show through.

Source: Capital International

Though the market remained relatively depressed until the autumn it has recovered well since, partly under the impact to replace aging assets and of an inflow of Arab, United funds, for this must be created States, Swiss and other foreign funds and partly in expectation of internal reflationary measures designed to stem the measures designed to stem the dividend was unchanged.

Mr Murphy explains the

in Germany. Capital International Index 1974 Opening level 68.2: clos-ing 68. Nil change. High (low) 73.5 (62.2)

Paris

Despite early resilience, the Paris stock market collapsed badly during 1974, registering the second most severe fall after London. The advantages of France's favoured nation treat-ment by the Middle East oil producer states were heavily outweighed by the country's general decline in economic growth, compounded by export problems and leading to growing unemployment and social

President Giscard's nerrow victory over M Mitterand did not help market sentiment, which grew even more de-pressed as domestic and imported inflation pushed interest rates in France up to some of the highest levels recorded in Europe during 1974. Capital International Index 1974 Opening level 93.7: closing 60. Fall 36 per cent. High (low)

Arab infiltration into Hongkong trade takes firmer root

Hongkong, Dec 29. The Arabs are strengthening trade and financial links with Hongkong, it is reported here. Bilateral trade between the Arab countries and Honglong is expected to reach SHK1,50m this year, nearly 80 per tent more than the 1973 total of

Last year direct exports from the colony reached SHK500m and re-exports SHK120m. In return the Arab States sold SHK220m worth of goods to the colony.

This trade is expected to chitinue to increase, with the balance in Hongkong's favour. Generally, the Arabs buy ell kinus of locally produced goods—toys, clothes, watches and -toys, clothes, watches and electronic goods. In return, Hongkong buys petroleum no-

French Pickfords' stake

Pickfords International France SA bought 70.6 per cent of the 3.36m france capital of Ste de Transports Industriels et Petroliers SA (STIP) for nearly 9m francs, the Brokers' Association said in Paris.

The Pickfords purchase was of some 59,000 of STIP'S 34,000 shares at 148.65 francs a shar The seller was not named.

STIP was quoted at this price on the over-the-counter section of the Paris Bourse and Pick fords is offering the same price to all sellers of STIP shares until February 10.—Reuter.

Hoechst to buy US plastics group

lu a deal involving about \$100m (about 543m), the American Hoechst Corporation plans to take over Foster Grant Co Inc. of Massachusetts. Hoechst will buy 95 per cent of Foster Grant, which at present is 70 per cent owned by United Brands and 5 per cent by the Goodman family, by the end of the year. The remaining 5 per cent will be acquired later.

The capital of Foster Grant, makers of styrol, polystyrol and finished plastic products, is about \$75m with a turnover this year of some \$200m.

Bolands' warning

Dublin-based bakers millers Bolands, looks to improvement in trading in the current year, but Mr R. J. Murphy, chairman, gives a warning that the cost of financing essential stocks and customers' credit will impose a heavy burden.

Further ahead is the necessity out of retained profits. As known the pre-tax last year fell from £533,000 to £195,000 though

Results

TODAY: Interims: Phillips

Harris, Negretti & Zambra,

and Smith Holdings (Whit-

worth). Finals: First Re-

Investment Trust, Quality

Cleaners, and R. Smallshaw

THURSDAY: Interims: Smith

& Wallis, Finals: Inter Euro-

FRIDAY: Interims: Somprtex

The following companies will

be added to the London and

Regional Share Price List

tomorrow and will be published

Commercial and Industrial

pean Property Holdings.

More share prices

in Business News:

Danks Gowerton

Wharf Mill Furnishers.

Knitwear.

profit fall in that one, and some-times two, of the chief activities were being carried on at a loss.
This was coupled with a massive rise in bank interest and a loss in realizing securities to finance the ourcoase of essential stocks.

Carborundum-Chapman

Carborundum Co has acquired all of the assers and assumed certain liabilities of Chapman Industries Inc. of Pennsylvania, for an undisclosed amount of cash. Chapman fabricates vessel linings and roll covers from engineered plastics and applies coating on complex configura-

tions using patented techniques. This acquisition represents another step in Carborundum's plan to bring its series of pre-prietery high performance plastics to the market in the form of fabricated products.

Procor loss deepens

Rental income of Procor (UK) for the six months to June 30 increased slightly from £322,000 to £387,000, but a pre-tax loss was incurred, up from 522,000 to 580,000. After a tax credit of 539,000 against one of 512,000. the ner loss amounts to 541,000 compared with a loss of £10,000.

The board states that this deterioration in trading figures resulted mainly from the heavy Co increase in interest charges that prevailed during the period. Results of recent acquisitions are not included in the latest figures. The company is a sub- Su sidiary of Trans Union Corporation of the United States.

American Brands American Brands Inc has

acquired Marvel Lighting Corporation. Marvel. whose chief plant is in South Carolina, makes incandescent and fluor-

Cost efficiency enters US mining

John Goss, the mine superinten-dent, to plan and deliver the

the concentrator, the computer

now is doing overnight what

used to take several days, and it

and installed at San Manuel

The new computer-controlled

San Manuel, Arizona are working off the store of old accumulated practices.

Secause American mining accumulated practices.

It was not until 1971, for example, that Magma Copper found that a computer could have been "realized sooner".—AP—DJ.

EIB loan to Zaire concerned with efficiency and more accurately than six clerks cost-cutting. But things are now pn manual calculators. For Mr

changing.
"Mine management generally is decades behind other indus- constant grade of ore needed by tries", claims Mr Emory Ayers, a New York consultant, now is doing overnigh Mining men think of them-used to take several days salves as in mining and not in also issues instructions. business.

But in the Arizona hills, anode casting wheel machines. vide a channel from Europe and here American Smeiting & recently developed in Europe the Middle East for investment Retining and Kennecott Copper in the colony's trade and comalso have operations, the tides this year, measures each anode of change are running someof change are running some of molten metal to within about what laster these days. Unlike 14th of the 780-lb target. The rium of banks for the Middle other industries, miners here savings offered by the new East and several leading

Commodities

Japanese banks announced the establishment of a finance corporation, Uban-Arab Japanese Finance in the colony. The SHK25m investment will finance short, middle and per-haps long-term loons in local and foreign currencies.—

Four months ago, the Luxem-bourg-based Bank of Credit

Commerce International, which

is 72.5 per cent Arab-controlled.

announced the opening of a

finance company here, BBCl Finance International, which

has an authorized and paid-up

capital of SHK5m. It will pro-

Win a 25 oz gold-plated silver bar

Most people enjoy attempt. This column is rather hope-ing to win semething for less at forecasting commodity nothing or at least just the prices although last year's cost of a postage stamp. Here is your chance to start 1975

Sterling Commodities, the Loadon based commodity brokers, are offering one 25 ounce gold-plated silver bar and five 2 ounce silver bars as prizes in a new competition. These win be awarded to investors who most accurately predict the fixing price for spot silver to one place of decimals (203.9p on Friday) and the morning fixing price for gold to two places of decimals (\$195.00 on Friday afternoon)

on January 31, 1975. The prizes will be awarded to the top six on silver; the gold prediction will only be used in the event of a tie. Entries to: Sterling Commedities, Piccadilly House, 16-17 Jermyn Street, London, S.W.1.

and they must arrive by or be postmarked January 10.

prediction that copper would at the end of 1974 be £250 to £300 lower than the £861 recorded on December 28. 1973. was not too bad. And rubber estimated to be 20p to 25p a kilo cheaper than the 54.50p at that time was in the right direction.

But two forecasts out of 14 is certainly nothing to crow about. Sugar, for instance, was put at below £100 and is now £450, and cocoa estimated at around the £400 mark is now

£839.50. However, nothing ventured nothing gained. So the fixing price of spot silver on January 31 will undoubtedly be 182.8p while gold must come

down to \$173.25. At this time last year there were many warnings of a possible slowdown in many indus-trial nations' economies but the boom in commodity prices is certain that this will come

continued fervently for some months. Currently the position is reversed and many commodbecome cheaper over the next three months or so.

could have been "realized much

European Investment Bank, the long-term finance institution of the EEC, has granted a loan of 16.6m units of account (10 million Zaires) to Gecamines, a

state-controlled group in the

mining and industrial invest-ments required in the group's

second five-year development

plan. Gecamines mines impor-

tant copper reserves in the Shaba region of Zaire, and has already received from the EIB

in 1971 a loan of £16m units of

By John Woodland

The Joan will help to finance

Republic of Zaire.

But in a year hence most prices in the accompanying table could be quite a lot dearer, with the notable exception of cocoa.

Here is a classic case of high prices reducing consumption and with sugar continuing dear

world chocolate usage may well fall further. A return to around 5500 a tonne would not be surprising.
Coffee had a disappointing year in price terms with the producers failing in their

threat to boost prices. Most metal values are under pressure with producers desperately seeking measures to give them a higher rating it may be some time, however before there is a reversal of the current price trend but it

e-	Commodity	Dec 24,	Jun∈ 28	High	Dec 28,	June 29,	Dec 29
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	Cash wire bars	£532.50	2884.50	51,380.00	£\$61.00	<i>£</i> 7 23.75	£430.73
	Three months	4555.75	£591.50	£1,286.30	\$823.50	£708.25	£462.50
	: Silver (LME) :						
	Cash	199.25p	194.23p	269.0p	139.2p	103.2p	86.23
)	Three months	205.9p	205.75p	280. Jp	143.6.5p	105cp	58.45
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í	Cash	5338.25	£22G.00	£317.50	£246.50	£169.00	£130.75
1	Three months	£215.75	£224.50	£324.25	£250,25	£171.375	£132.06
Ó	Zinc :		•				
f	Cash	\$321.50	2489.00	£874	2600.50	£266.00	£160.12
1	Tiree months	£313.50	£496.50	£805.75	£570.50	£259.75	£163.12
	: Rubber :						
S	Spot	25.00დ	31.00p	59,25p	54,50p	32.45p	20.60
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5	2nd position	£63.00	£37.25	£71.85	. £67.43	£45.83	£42,20
. :	Barley (EEC):						
.	1st position	260.60	£53.20	£64.25	537 .60	£39.05	£37.10
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Highlights from the Statement by the Chairman Sir Alexander Ross

The Year's Results

the year progressed.

Consolidated profit after tax for the year was £12,702,000, a decrease of 7.5 per cent compared with 1973. In Australian dollars, the profit showed an increase of 1.5 per cent, the difference being due to exchange rate fluctuations, in particular the devaluations of the Australian and New Zealand dollars in September, 1974. The outcome is regarded as satisfactory considering the very difficult economic conditions that developed, particularly in Australia, as

Dividends

A final dividend of 4.592p per share is recommended and thus the total distribution for the year will be 9.092p per share. Together with the associated U.K. tax credit, this is equivalent to a total gross dividend of 13.57 per cent for the year payable on the capital as increased by the rights issue in April, 1974 (1973-10.5 per cent on the pre-rights issue capital). This payment is in terms of the consent given by H.M. Treasury at the time of the issue.

Australia

The year was a difficult one for the Australian economy with exceptional pressures on the banking industry and an unprecedented liquidity contraction. Deposits with our Trading Bank in Australia decreased by 5 per cent while advances rose by 11 per cent. Savings Bank deposits were marginally down.

In Esanda Limited, our general finance and hire purchase subsidiary, the strong growth evident in the latter part of 1973 continued throughout most of the year and net receivables rose by 49 per cent.

The inflation of costs and prices throughout the economy was translated into a marked increase in operational costs. New Zealand

The rate of deposit growth slowed markedly while

there was a heavy demand for bank credit. Our Trading Bank's deposits increased by NZ\$21 million to NZ\$452 million. Advances rose from NZ\$243 million to NZ\$374 million. Europe

Good results were achieved despite the difficulties of

the times. In dealings in the foreign exchange and currency deposit markets, special emphasis has been on safety.

Outlook We believe that the current year will be a testing one and that the outcome will depend very largely upon official policies adopted to solve the most serious problems of high inflation and growing unemployment. In the uncertain situation, the Bank faces a considerable challenge to maintain its profitability and, at the same time, its high standard of service. However, I remain as confident as ever in the longer term prospects of Australia and New Zealand.

	. 1974	1973
	£'000	£*000
Consolidated Profit after tax	12,702	13,731
Cost of Dividends	3,338	2,362
Pence per share	9.092p	7.35p
(Gross equivalent)	(13.57%)	(10.5%)
Earnings per share	36.5p	41.7p
Total Shareholders' Funds	116,090	95.787
Deposits and Other Accounts	2,611,739	2.823.950
Advances, etc.	1,674,353	1,554,178
Total Assets	3,661,119	3,572,204
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Copies of the Report and Accounts with full text of the Chair may be obtained from the Secretary.



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New chief executive at Morgan Grenfell

Business appointments

Mr G. W. Mackworth-Young is to be group chief executive and deputy chairman of Morgan Grenfell. Mr S. T. Badger, Mr A. E. Richmond-Watson, Mr J. C. Smith, Mr J. G. Stanford, Mr D. W. Wells, Mr A. E. Bradman, Mr J. A. Franklin, Mr A. R. Gibson and Mr A. E. Weighill will be senior assistant directors. Mr A. I. S. Duffus, Mr A. H. Dunn, Mr A. F. Hohler, Mr R. M. J. Taylor, Mr W. J. Meredith and Mr P. E. Moore will be assistant directors. Mr R. Cort, Mr P. I. Esperhalm, Mr J. M. Hobbs and Mr G. A. F. Lickley will be managers, corporate will be managers, corporate finance.

Mr J. A. Porter has been made managing director of Leonard Fairclough. Mr O. Davies remains chairman and chief executive of the group.
Mr F. W. Elford bas been appointed deputy chairman of

Roberts Adlard. Mr R. T. J. Hubbard has become works director of the Waunarlwydd (West Glamorgan) titan-ium plant of the new metals divi-sion of Imperial Metal Industries

(Kynoch). Mr Cherif Hassan has been appointed by the International Finance Corporation to the newly-created position of special representative, Middle East and Africa, with the rank of department director. Mr Gunter Kreuter, deputy director of the Africa and Middle East department, succeeds Mr Hassan as director of that depart-

ment.
Mr Neville Stranger, Linited Kingdom managing director of Max Factor, becomes senior vice-president of Max Factor's international division. Mr Stephen Sudderland, United Kingdom marketing director, is appointed deputy managing director and becomes vice-president of the international

division. Mr Brian Harris, director of administration United Kingdom, joins the United Kingdom board. Mr Henry Kassmann, deputy general manager and actuary, and Mr Michael Maurice, deputy general manager (investment), have been elected to the heart of Nix been elected to the board of NPI (National Provident Institution). Mr Pym Cornish has been made vice-chairman and Mr Gerry Levens deputy managing director of Research Services. Mr John Stock-ley will become deputy managing director of Media Expenditure

Analysis.

Mr M. G. Wilcox, a director and chief general manager, has been made a director of Midland and International Banks and European Banking, and deputy chairman of Euro-Pacific Finance Corporation. Mr Michael Gledhill has become

financial director of South Western Marine Factors. Mr Gerald O'Neill, vice-president and chief general manager over-seas offices, has been elected first vice-president of National Bank of Detroit and chief general manager, overseas offices.

Dr D. T. N. Williamson has joined the board of Rank Xerox

as group director engineering. He succeeds Dr F. A. L. Winternitz, who now becomes vice-president, research and development, of the Xerox Corporation in the United

Mr J. A. Cave retires as deputy chief general manager of Midland Bank on January 31. He will retain his seat on the board of Midland Bank and becomes chairman of Forward Trust, a subsidiary of the Midland Bank Group, in January after the retirement of Mr Bernard F. Clarke. Mr R. O. Barker, a general manager of Midland Bank becomes assistant chief land Bank becomes assistant chief general manager from February 1, 1975. Mr A. J. Knights, now

general manager (planning) will be a general manager on the domestic banking side. Mr K. B. Cox. group treasurer, is to be domestic banking side. Mr K. B. Cox, group treasurer, is to be general manager (treasurer) and Mr J. A. Brooks, manager of Threadneedle St branch, London, becomes general manager (computer operations). Mr W. S. Wheldon, deputy chief inspector, Midland Bank, has been appointed chief inspector from January 1 in succession to Mr F. O. Chambers who is retiring. Mr B. L. Goldthrope, manager of Midland Bank's Market Place, Sheffield branch becomes an assistant

hranch becomes an assistant general manager (planning) from February 1, 1975. Mr John E. Porta has been appointed managing director of Continental Illinois Ltd. He suc-ceeds Mr Robert D. Siff, who has sigued. Mr John G. Knights has left the

partnership of Folkard and Hay-ward and is joining the partnership of Walker Son and Packman. Mr J. H. Howatt and Mr N. L. ragoe have been appointed respectively chairman and managing director of ERP International, the operating subsidiary in Bayfine Recruitment's ERP Group. Mr Dan Buckley becomes tech-nical director of Adams Foods. Mr N. Bryce-Smith joins the board of Bradstock, Blunt &

Thompson.

Mr David Firnberg has been made a director of the National Computing Centre.

Mr David Nicol has become a director of Spicers.

Mr H. O. Thomas joins Kasuga

Sales.
Mr Jack Bushnell has become managing director. European operations of Autosense Equipment Three new directors named by MW Concessionaires are: Mr

Peter Beaumont, sales; Mr Roy Milton, parts; and Mr Christopher Tennant: marketing. Mr Lowry D. Maclean has been appointed by Carpets International to the board of its subsidiary. John Crossley and Sons. Mr J. F. Crittall has been appointed a director of the Eastern Counties regional board of Lloyds Bank. A director of Crittall Windows and chairman of Crittall Hope Nigeria, Mr Crittall is also

on the board of Equity and Law Life Assurance Society and John Carr (Doncaster).
Mr Carl Nisser has been appointed director of corporate affairs, Europe, by the Goodyear Inter-national Corporation.

Mr David Edwards and Dr Rabin B. Nicholson have been appointed directors of Internationat Nickel. Mr David Morcom has been made managing director of Bovis Homes Southern. He succeeds Mr Roger Warren Evans who has been made an industrial adviser on construction to the Department of the Environment. Mr Morcom was formerly the managing director of Ashworth & Stewart (Holdings), a Birmingham based housebuilding company.

Mr John Hacker has become director and general manager of Bridgewater Estates and its subsldiary, Walkden Land Co. Mr Christopher Bruxner is made

Christopher Bruxner is made principal surveyor.

Mr T. J. Brewer has been promoted production and engineering director of ICI Fibres division.

Mr Bernard Mangou, director-general of MSL France, has joined the board of the MSL Group.

Mr M. G. M. Haines has resigned as a director of Shires Investment. Mr G. W. Hopkinson becomes secretary. becomes secretary.

Morocco's hold on phosphate output steps up prices

Rabat, Dec 29 It is now apparent that the four-fold rise in phosphate prices since last January was not caused by a strong block of Arab producer nations but by one lone state—Morocco, the leading phosphate exporter.

Morocco's phosphate exports amount to about 37 per cent of the world's shipments and far outdistance those of the United States and the USSR, whose larger total output increasingly is directed towards home consumption. Morocco in fact has become "the second most successful cartel in the world, says informed quarters.
"Almost alone, it dictates the price of phosphates throughout the world."

The country's export ship-ments of 20.6m tons of phos-phate rock this year will yield revenues of about \$1,000m (as late as 1972, Morocco received not any conceivable alteronly \$152m for 15m tons). But for phosphates."—AP-DJ.

American exports will fall considerably below last year's siderably below last year's 13.9m tons, and the United States is expected to devote ever-greater production to home needs. It leads the world in total phosphate output with about 40m tons.

Phosphate supplies in the USSR, the world's secondlargest producer, are also apparlargest producer, are also apparently on the wane. It has concluded in principle a major barter deal under which it is to receive up to 10m tons of Moroccan phosphate a year for 25 years or so in exchange for the large a major part complex. building a major port complex, etc. Morocco has also made other agreements with Kuwait and West Germany, which will build plants to help Morocco process its own ore for fertilizer.

Morocco's phosphate reserves
may be the largest in the world,

Scottish Inv sees bleak hopes of industrial rally

guarantee of recovery although sound industrial groups were, at the present time, and by normal standards, undervalued. Some 45.7 per cent of the group's funds are invested in the United States, where "it seems probable that it will continue to be recognized that inflation largely results from excessively easy monetary and fiscal policies." By Our Financial Staff Net asset value per share fell from 108p to 621p at Scottish Investment Trust Co in the 12 months to November 5. In his annual statement to shareholders, the group's chairman Sir William McEwan Younger, says that the only consolation in a year when stockmarkets all over the world suffered very severe falls was an increase in increase. falls was an increase in income falls was an increase in income from £1.16m to £1.3m. This was "due very largely to the substantial sums deposited on temporary loan at the high rates ruling during the year."

But in Britain, where the fund had 47.7 per cent of its assets invested, "there is a real danger that fear of recession and of unemployment will lead to over-stimulation." In view of all this uncertainty a higher than usual proportion of funds will be held in liquid form. Net asset value per share, however, fell to its lowest level since 1966, and there was no

Gadek rubber losses

Taxable profits of Gadek Rubber Estate were on their way to being halved from £85,000 to £47,000 for the nine months to September 30, while disclosing a net loss incurred of some £40,000 in the preceding nine months on realization of its

only trade investment, and sale of the Clonlee division. This loss will be met by a transfer from reserves.

Additionally, as a result of the high rubber prices in the early part of the year, a loss of £34,000 was sustained on forward consents. ward contracts. the moment, and the values of

quality investments.

Combining to a degree the qualities of low borrowings Land Securities, Slough Estates

Weekly list of fixed interest stocks

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International copper talks next month

on copper will be held in London early next month to step up cooperation to combat the current protracted recession, Japanese industry sources told

Japanese industry sources told Reuters in Tokyo.

Mr Yoshihiro Fukui, president of Mitsubishi Metal Corporation, and Mr Masayuki Niwano, president of Nippon Mining Company, are likely to attend the conference on behalf of the Japanese industry, they said. The meeting is scheduled to be held on January 9 and 10.

Japan halted its copper exports last November and its copper smelters are tightening

copper smelters are tightening their production cutbacks to cope with the domestic slump, while the Council of Copper-Exporting Countries (Cipec) have decided to slash their export shipments of copper-concentrates.

Thailand tin protest

Thailand is to protest to the United States over the American plan to release about 100,000 tons of stockpiled tin, Mr Samarn Buravas, the director-general of Thailand's Mineral Resources Department, said in Bangkok last week, and reported by AP-Dow Jones.

He said the release of such a He said the release of such a huge amount will hurt produc-ing countries seriously. Malay-sia is the world's biggest tin producer while Bolivia and Thailand rank second and

third. Meanwhile Thailand is to propose an increase in the floor price of tin at the International Tin Council meeting in London on January 26.
In the first eight months of

An international conference 11,878 tons of tin for revenue equivalent to SS9.15m (£38.3m) compared with 15,484 tons worth S66.5m for the same period last year, the Department of Business Economics

Metal stockpile plan by Japan

Japan's Ministry of Inter-national Trade and Industry said it is seeking appropriation of 44,110m yen (£61.5m) in the fiscal 1975 national Budget to implement its non-ferrous metals stockpile plan.

metals stockpile plan.

The ministry plans to reserve 50,000 tonnes of copper, 8,000 tonnes of nickel, 50,000 tonnes of chrome and 330 tonnes of tungsten for stockpiling in fiscal 1975. These are equivalent to the nation's half-month consumption for conservand one month. tion for copper and one month each for the other three metals,

the ministry said.
It also plans to instruct coper smelters and users to form public organization to stockpile copper. organization,

ministry said, would buy copper to support the market when domestic copper prices go below 500,000 yen a tonne. The ministry said the stock-pile plan is being pushed ahead in line with the recommendation by the Mining In-dustry Council, a government advisory body, which said Japan should eventually have stockpiles of nickel, chrome, tungsten, cobalt and antimory to the equivalent of threemonth consumption and stockpiles of copper and zinc enough to meet consumption this year, Thailand exported for one month.-Reuter.

THE LIST OF APPLICATIONS WILL BE OPENED AND CLOSED ON THURSDAY, 2nd JANUARY 1975

3 per cent. TREASURY STOCK, 1977 ISSUE OF £600,000,000 at £84.50 PER CENT.

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THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND are authorized to receive applications for the above Stock.

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D F Bevan Brokers'views recovery is well on way

On the recovery tack last July, after undergoing a drastic shake up following inaccuracies in the 1970-71 accounts, metal merchants D. F. Bevan (Holdings) moved slightly ahead in the six months to June 30. Though there is no half-time payment, a final dividend is mouted for the full year.

mooted for the full year. In the preceding 12 months the group's profits almost completely recovered from the set-back, returning some £158,000 pre-tax compared with £69,000 for 16 months. In the latest halfyear, turnover advanced from £1.76m to £2.76m and earnings per-share from 1.46p to 1.69p basic and, fully diluted, 0.92p to 1.03p.

Freight report

Markets in holiday doldrums

Trading on the London dry cargo markets was at a low ebbover the Christmas week, as nany brokers had decided to ake the whole week off.

been fixtures by the Indian government for grain and fer-dizers from the United States and the Continent. Rates in general have held relatively iteady for the fixtures which were made, with \$12 being puoted for 23,000 tons of heavy grains from the United States Gulf Bilbao.

On the tanker market owners have not been able to make any impression on the depressed tanker rates out of the Persian Gulf. However the Caribbean market is relatively active, with Worldscale 130 for a 32,000-tomer from the Caribbean to the Continent, and Worldscale 125 being accepted as the cur-rent norm for small tankers to the United States Atlantic coast from the Caribbean.

There has been a marked absence of any very large crude carrier fixtures all week in any

Neither the dry cargo nor the tanker markets are expected to show much activity until the new year celebrations are over.

The Times Share Indices

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"Alternatives for oil may be found eventually, but there is not any conceivable alternative

Inevitably, there has been a slowing of the issue of circulars by brokers during the festive

season. But those that have appeared have taken a mildly optimistic view. In their lengthy property share guide, Joseph Sebag & Co point out that the pre-1974 requirements of a successful property company are now reversed in the present economic climate. The highly geared companies of the early 1970s with large deve-

lopment programmes now face

the problems of high interest rates, development gains tax and the proposed compulsory acquisition of development land.

The latter two factors are. for various reasons, unlikely to have any major impact, they say. High interest burdens are the crux. Property companies can be divided into three categories; those with liquidity problems and who are liable to liquidation, those who will struggle on at a reduced size with the problems and the companies of the companies. with the cream of their assets sold off and the groups which are still financially sound but reflect the general malaise in

the sector.
The brokers believe there is around £1,000m of property on offer from various liquidators at second line commercial proper-ties will remain depressed for another three years. While this type of asset has always proved difficult to move, it does under-line the attractions of the prime

Debenhams 6' 2nd Debenhams 6' 2nd Deb 2 2nd De ratios, easily managed develop-ment programmes and a top

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NOTE: Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of any of the said Petitions must serve on or sond by post to the above-named notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice may be noticed in the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the purson or firm, or his or their Solicitor (if any) and must be served, or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four o'clock in the allernoon of the 17th day of January 1975.

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nt-spotting Opportunity Knocks! (ITV 6.40) and Dave Allen, again a long

after Edith Sitwell, further considers our English eccentrics (ITV 8.0).—L.B.

THE TIMES MONDAY DECEMBER 30 1974 LEGAL NOTICES

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W.1. Solicitors for the Petitioner.

NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on, or send by post to, the above-named notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must sais the man and the said person of the farm and pust be signed by the farm and must be son by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four clock in the afternoon of the 17th day of January. 1975.

named must file with the under-signed by the 29th day of January, 1976, a full statement of their claims and of securities hold by them. C. R. VAN KLEEK, Deputy Public Trustee, 201 John J. Ecu-len Bidg., 620-7th Ave. S.W., Cal-gary, Alberta T2P 0V3.

in the Matter of THEOREM TRAVEL Limited and in the Matter of the Climited and in the Matter of the Companies Art 1948.

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